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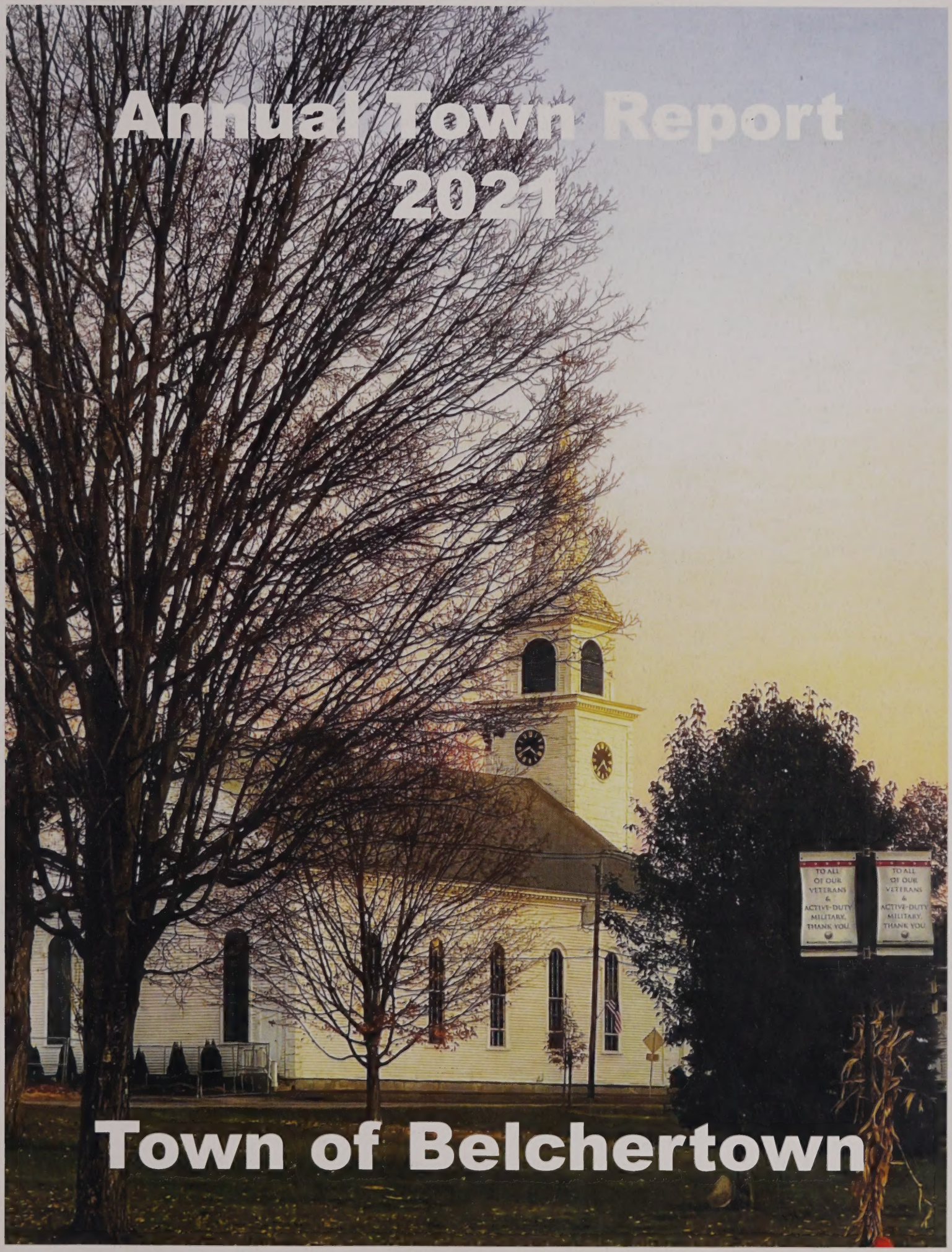

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The Belchertown United Church of Christ, located on Park Street, is featured on this year's cover. Photograph submitted by: Linda Repasky.

Names	Office	Terms

2021 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2022
Linda Tsoumas	5/2022

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Mary Olberding	5/2022
Nicole J. Dunham	5/2023
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2024

Board of Assessors

Raymond G. Goff	5/2022
Thomas A. Barry	5/2023
Donald L. Minney	5/2024

Board of Health

Leeanne Connolly	5/2022
James F. Potter	5/2022
Hope V.H. Guardenier	5/2023
Kenneth Elstein	5/2023
Colleen Duroshea	5/2024

Housing Authority

Marc Barrette *(appt. 11/9/2021)*	5/2022
Brian J. Rooney	5/2024
Marie Ciosek	5/2024
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2025
Judith O'Kulsky *(resigned 10/26/21)*	5/2026
State Seat - Vacant	

Moderator

Amanda Halperin	5/2023

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Lorraine F. Alves	11/2022
Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2023

Planning Board

Alice Knittel *(resigned 6/30/21)*	6/2021
Elizabeth Pols *(appt. 6/28/21)*	5/2022
James J. Natle	5/2023
Justin Rosienski	5/2024
Michael A. Hofler	5/2025
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2026

Names	Office	Terms

School Committee

Diane O. Brown	5/2022
Heidi G. Gutekenst	5/2023
Michael J. Knapp	5/2023
Ruby Bansal	5/2024
Amy B.W. Lamothe	5/2024

Select Board

Edward Boscher	5/2022
Jennifer Turner	5/2022
James Barry	5/2023
Ronald Aponte	5/2024
Nicholas Pucel	5/2024

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte *(retired 5/21/21)*	5/2021
Theresa Camerlin *(elected 5/24/21)*	5/2024

2021 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Affordable Housing Tax Abatement Review Committee

Doug Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Admin.	Final Report
Jennifer Turner, Select Board	Final Report
Lisa Banner, Treasurer/Collector	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Jeff Pronovost	6/30/22
Tom Roberts	6/30/22
Lori Carver	6/30/23
Will Shattuck	6/30/23
Thomas Hastings	6/30/24
Louise Butler – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22
Elizabeth Vaughan – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22
Tammy Ryan – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator		Final Report
Max Bock		Final Report
Edward Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*		Final Report
Gary Brougham		Final Report
Eric LeBeau		Final Report
Judith Metcalf *(retired 5/20/21)*		Final Report
Steven Williams		Final Report

Animal Control Advisory Board

Lori Carver *(appt. 11/9/21)*		6/30/22
Jim Luippold		6/30/22
Nicole Miner *(resigned 8/30/21)*		6/30/22
Brian Breveleri		6/30/23
Carol Kasabian		6/30/23
Audrey Safford		6/30/23
Chrystal Greenleaf		6/30/24
Paul Kopulas		6/30/24

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton		4/30/22

Assistant Animal Control Officers

Sarah Byrnes		4/30/22
Jessica LaBonte		4/30/22
Janet Lipscomb		4/30/22

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan		6/30/22

Belchertown Age & Dementia Friendly Implementation Group

Doug Albertson, Town Planner		6/30/24
Ronald Aponte, Select Board		6/30/24
John Belding, Council on Aging		6/30/24
Gary Brougham, Town Admin		6/30/24
Gail Gramarossa, Community Mbr		6/30/24
Jessica Langlois, Senior Center		6/30/24
Becky Martin, Community Mbr		6/30/24
Steve Williams, DPW Director		6/30/24

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*		6/30/21
John Ingram *(appt. 5/21/21)*		6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms

Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT)

Ronald Aponte, Select Board		6/30/22
Kimberly Dion, Medical Community		6/30/22
Phyllis Ducomb, School Nurse Leader		6/30/22
Jason Krol, School Resource Officer		6/30/22
Amy Langone, Health Dept.		6/30/22
Neil Lozier, Police Dept.		6/30/22
Kevin Pacunas, Police Dept.		6/30/22
Jill Panto, Community Mbr		6/30/22

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Sara Edwards, HS Council Rep		6/30/21
Connie Lavelle *(resigned 3/1/21)*		6/30/21
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Rep		6/30/22
Ruby Bansal, School Committee		6/30/22
Brian Cameron, Superintendent		6/30/22
Wesley Dunham, At Large Mbr *(appt. 4/6/21)*		6/30/22
Mark Kopulos, Home Schooling Rep.		6/30/22
Donna Lusignan, At Large Mbr		6/30/22

Board of Health - Burial Agent & Assistant

Colleen Toothill-Berte *(retired 5/21/21)*		6/30/21
Theresa Camerlin – Assistant *(appt. Burial Agent (5/24/21)*		6/30/21
Audrey Williams *(appt. 8/12/21)*		6/30/22

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*		6/30/21
John Ingram *(appt. 5/21/21)*		6/30/22

Communications Committee

Gretchen Duhaime *(appt. 4/5/21; resigned 10/4/21)*		6/30/22
Lew Louraine *(appt. 4/5/21)*		6/30/22
Bryan Maroney *(appt. 4/5/21; resigned 10/4/21)*		6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms
Community Preservation Committee		
Nancy Delgado Bachmann,	Housing Authority	6/30/21
Stephan Corbin,	Parks & Rec Rep *(resigned 11/22/21)*	6/30/21
Megan Manitsas,	At large Mbr	6/30/22
James Quirk,	At large Mbr	6/30/22
Michael Hofler,	Planning Bd Rep.	6/30/23
Alexander Loss,	Historical Comm. Rep.	6/30/24
James Natle,	At large Mbr	6/30/23
David Lamb,	Conservation Comm. Rep	6/30/22
Linda Leduc,	At large Mbr	6/30/24
Conservation Commission		
Matthew Dibona		6/30/22
Edward Knight		6/30/22
Douglas Beach		6/30/23
Sabrina Moreau		6/30/23
Jon Clements		6/30/24
David Haines		6/30/24
David Lamb		6/30/24
Mark Brownell,	Assoc. Mbr	6/30/21
Kate Kelly,	Assoc. Mbr *(appt. 3/22/21)*	6/30/22
Council on Aging		
Donna Bozoglos		6/30/21
John Belding		6/30/22
James Dowling		6/30/22
Robert Farrington		6/30/23
Maura Guzik		6/30/23
Colleen Duroshea		6/30/24
Diane Plante		6/30/24
Cultural Council		
Gretchen Duhaime		6/30/21
Jocelyn Walker		6/30/21
Nicole Carlson		6/30/22
Melanie Donovan *(appt. 5/24/21)*		6/30/22
Audrey Anderson		6/30/23
Candace Clement		6/30/23
Trista Hevey		6/30/23
Melissa Mann		6/30/23
Jennifer Whitehead		6/30/24

Names	Office	Terms
DIF Committee		
Gary Brougham,	Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner,	Treasurer/Collector	
Douglas Albertson,	Town Planner	
John Whelihan,	Director of Assessments	
Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)		
Beth Maroney,	Financial Seat	6/30/22
Jonathan Spiegel,	At Large Mbr	6/30/22
William Terry,	Government Seat	6/30/22
Richard Kump,	Real Estate Seat	6/30/23
Robert Rivard,	Industrial Seat	6/30/24
Kirk Stephens,	At Large Mbr	6/30/24
Election Workers		
Clair Partridge,	Precinct Coord.	8/31/22
Bernette Daly,	Precinct Warden	8/31/22
Christine Babineau,	Precinct Warden	8/31/22
Carol Walker,	Precinct Warden	8/31/22
Erica Morrison-Brazitis,	Precinct Warden	8/31/22
Teresa Adam,	Precinct Clerk	8/31/22
Brian O'Leary,	Precinct Clerk	8/31/22
Melissa Conlin,	Precinct Clerk	8/31/22
Iain Knight,	Precinct Clerk	8/31/22
Energy and Sustainability Committee		
Joanne Collins		6/30/22
Jacob Robinson		6/30/22
Todd Perry		6/30/23
Michael Potishnak		6/30/23
Frank Byrne		6/30/24
Patricia Krebs		6/30/24
John Piekara		6/30/24
Fair Committee		
Cathy Terry *(resigned 5/3/21)*		6/30/21
Loni Austin *(appt. 8/31/21)*		6/30/22
William Austin		6/30/22
Cindy Brown		6/30/22
Kevin Brown *(passed away, 10/5/21)*		6/30/22
Scott Brown		6/30/22
Carla Chaisson		6/30/22
Wendy Chevalier		6/30/22
Kerri Laurenzo *(appt. 8/30/21)*		6/30/22
Shawn Lindholm		6/30/22
Mark Nute		6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms

Family Center

Elizabeth Crosby	6/30/21
Katrina Staples	6/30/21
Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/22
Nicole Dunham	6/30/22
Natalie Santana	6/30/23
Natasha Martin *(appt. 7/12/21)*	6/30/24
Jillian Fay Southwick-Hall *(appt. 7/12/21)*	6/30/24

Finance Committee

Lynne Raymer	6/30/22
Steven Rose	6/30/22
Ronald E. Aponte *(resigned 5/17/21)*	6/30/23
Michael Otto	6/30/23
Jonathan Ritter *(appt. 7/1/21)*	6/30/24
Laurie Shea	6/30/24

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*
John Ingram *(appt. 5/21/21)*

Fire Chief Screening Committee
(Disbanded 5/21/2021)

Ronald Aponte	Final Rpt
Edward Fuller	Final Rpt
Kevin Girard	Final Rpt
Heidi Gutekenst	Final Rpt
Matthew Jackson	Final Rpt
Ryan Pease	Final Rpt
Christopher Pronovost	Final Rpt
Thomas Ruscio	Final Rpt
Steven Williams	Final Rpt

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*
John Ingram *(appt. 5/21/21)*

Hampshire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock *(retired 5/20/21)*
John Ingram *(appt. 5/21/21)*

Names	Office	Terms

Historic District By-Law Commission

Thomas Stockton – Resident/ Property Owner	6/30/22
Kristy Reese – At Large Mbr *(appt. 12/13/21)*	6/30/22
Sharon Burdick – At Large Mbr	6/30/23
Irene Mariettos – Real Estate Mbr	6/30/23
Craig Schumacher – Architect Mbr	6/30/24
Denise Smith – Historical Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/24
Jonathan Spiegel – At Large Mbr	6/30/24

Historical Commission

Angela Bergeron-Alexander	6/30/22
Patrick Bierly	6/30/22
Bruce Klockars	6/30/23
Alexander Loss	6/30/23
Kevin Lynn *(resigned 11/15/21)*	6/30/23
John Belding	6/30/24
Jill Bierly	6/30/24

Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte	5/1/22

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima, Inspector	6/30/23
Michael Henry, Asst. Inspector	6/30/22
Chris Rice, Asst. Inspector	6/30/22

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr., Inspector	6/30/22
Charles Lydon, Jr., Asst. Insp.	6/30/22

Inspectors of Wiring

Richard Rosazza	6/30/22
David Sedelow	6/30/22
Mitchell Staszko	6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms

Jabish Brook Middle School Building Committee *(est. 11/22/21)*

Jeff Almeida	*Architect, Engineer & Construction*	Final Rpt
Mark Andrews	*Architect*	Final Rpt
Ruby Bansal	*School Cmte Mbr*	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham	*Town Admin.*	Final Rpt
Dave Burnham	*Const., Eng.*	Final Rpt
Brian Cameron	*School Supt.*	Final Rpt
Shawn Fortin	*School Dept.*	Final Rpt
Joseph Gagnon	*Community Mbr*	Final Rpt
Stephen Gibson	*Engineer*	Final Rpt
Heidi Gutekenst	*School Cmte Mbr*	Final Rpt
Nicole Heoux	*Teacher*	Final Rpt
Edward Kopec, Jr.	*Parent*	Final Rpt
Eric Lebeau	*School Dept. Bldg & Grounds*	Final Rpt
Robert Lewis	*Community Mbr*	Final Rpt
Lynne Raymer	*Finance Cmte*	Final Rpt
John Ritter	*Finance Cmte*	Final Rpt
Thomas Ruscio	*JBMS Principal*	Final Rpt
Jennifer Turner	*Select Board Mbr*	Final Rpt
Joshua Wallace	*Parent*	Final Rpt

Lakes Committee

John Soja	6/30/22
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/22
Leeanne Connolly	6/30/23
Jenicca Gallagher	6/30/23
Kathi Smith	6/30/24

Lamson Brook Farm Board of Directors

David Haines	*Conservation Comm. (appt. 2/2/21)*	2/1/23
Tammy Ryan	*Agricultural Comm. (appt. 2/2/21)*	2/1/23
Jonathan Spiegel	*EDIC (appt. 2/2/21)*	2/1/23

Memorial Committee

George Archible	6/30/22
Patrick Loftus	6/30/22
Charly Oliva	6/30/23
William Bowen	6/30/24
Edward Knight	6/30/24

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Names	Office	Terms

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Suzanne Bay
Edward Boscher

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Stephan Corbin *(resigned 11/22/21)*	6/30/22
Chris Shea *(resigned 10/4/21)*	6/30/22
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/23
Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/24
William Vosburgh	6/30/24

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

Lori Allen *(Family Center)*	Final Rpt
Jill Bierly *(Historical Comm.)*	Final Rpt
Edward Boscher *(Select Board Mbr, appt. 9/13/21)*	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham *(Town Admin)*	Final Rpt
Michael Knapp *(School Comm. Mbr)*	Final Rpt
Jessica Langlois *(COA)*	Final Rpt
Nicholas O'Connor *(Select Board Mbr, removed 9/13/21)*	Final Rpt
Kyle Thibeault *(Recreation Dir.)*	Final Rpt
Steven Williams *(DPW Dir.)*	Final Rpt

Personnel Board

Nancy Delgado Bachmann *(resigned 5/24/21)*	6/30/21
Colleen Toothill-Berte *(appt. 5/23/21)*	6/30/22
Alyssa Mandeville *(resigned 9/17/21)*	6/30/23
Jessie Aquino *(appt. 9/28/21)*	6/30/24
Nicole Dunham *(appt. 9/28/21)*	6/30/24
Sarah Porter *(appt. 10/10/21)*	6/30/24
Katharine Higgins Shea	6/30/24

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Elizabeth Pols *(appt. full mbr 6/28/21)*	6/30/21
Wendy Goulet *(appt. 10/18/21)*	6/30/22

Police Chief

Christopher Pronovost

Names	Office	Terms

Police Department Lieutenant

Michael Beaupre	6/30/22
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/22

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/22
Steven Henn *(resigned 10/26/21)*	6/30/22
Bruce Jenks	6/30/22
Neil Lozier	6/30/22

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Valerie Austin	6/30/22
Adam Brougham	6/30/22
Vincent Daponte	6/30/22
Caleb Gonsalves *(appt. 12/8/21)*	6/30/22
Andrew Hulse *(appt. 12/6/21)*	6/30/22
Hannah Hulse	6/30/22
Robert Ivey	6/30/22
Michael Jablonski	6/30/22
Jared LaValle	6/30/22
Andrew Letendre	6/30/22
Robert Mann	6/30/22
Austin Maronne	6/30/22
Christopher Mayo	6/30/22
Matthew Menard	6/30/22
Jordyn Noonan	6/30/22
John Raymer	6/30/22
Jason Robinson *(appt. 4/23/21)*	6/30/22
Michael Roney	6/30/22

Police Department – Auxiliary Police Officers

Jason Robinson *(appt. full-time 8/6/21)*	6/30/22

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Asst. Procurement Officer

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Douglas Albertson, Alternate Comm.	6/30/22
Gary Brougham, Alternate Comm.	6/30/22
Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/22

Names	Office	Terms

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Douglas Albertson	6/30/22

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/22

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corp.

Quabbin Health District

Stephen Bell – Dir. of Public Health	6/30/22
Judy Metcalf – Dir. of Public Health	6/30/21

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Scott Siege, MD	6/30/22

Registrars

Colleen Toothill-Berte *(retired 5/24/21)*	5/24/21
Theresa Camerlin *(elected 5/24/21)*	5/24/21
MaryCatherine Knight, Chair	3/31/22
Carla Dell'Olio	3/31/23
Nancy Wright	3/31/24

Assistant Registrar of Voters

Belchertown High School Rep

Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/22

Election Officers

Teresa Adam, Clerk	8/31/22
Christine Babineau, Warden	8/31/22
Melissa Conlin, Clerk	8/31/22
Bernette Daly, Warden	8/31/22
Iain Knight, Clerk	8/31/22
Erica Morrison-Brazitis, Warden	8/31/22
Brian O'Leary, Clerk	8/31/22
Carol Walker, Warden	8/31/22

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/22

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Names	Office	Terms

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven Williams	6/30/22

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham, Town Admin.	Final Rpt
Erica Cross, Conservation Admin.	Final Rpt
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Rpt

Technology Advisory Committee

Cynthia Caporale	6/30/21
Frank Lomanno	6/30/22
Lew Louraine	6/30/22
Brian Weng	6/30/21
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/21

Trail Stewardship Council

Douglas Albertson – *Town Alternate*	6/30/22
Jane Bryden – *Landowner Rep.*	6/30/22
Erica Cross – *Town's Rep.*	6/30/22

Treasurer/Collector

Lisa Banner	6/30/22

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane Wolfe	6/30/22

Deputy Collector

Arthur Jones	12/31/22

Town Accountant

Jill Panto	6/30/22

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/22

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Names	Office	Terms

Assistant Town Clerk

Theresa Camerlin *(elected Town Clerk 5/24/21)*	6/30/21
Audrey Williams *(appt. 8/13/21)*	6/30/22

Town Counsel

KP LAW

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/22
Kathleen Wood, Assistant	3/31/22

Veterans' Services Agent

Charly Oliva	Period of Employment

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Charly Oliva	Period of Employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of Employment
George Archible	6/30/22
William Bowen – At Large Mbr	6/30/22
Michael Edreich	6/30/22
Robert Vigneault – At Large Mbr	6/30/22
Janet Jourdain	6/30/23
William McClure – At Large Mbr	6/30/23
Larry Raine – At Large Mbr	6/30/24
Keith Poulin – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22

Willard Stebbins Trust Fund

Peg Louraine
Thomas Stockton

Zoning Board of Appeals

Brian Gibbons	6/30/22
Mark Hebert	6/30/24
Jennifer Sharrow	6/30/23
Dino Brunetti, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22
Wayne Versace, Assoc. Mbr	6/30/22

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/22

SELECT BOARD

We kicked off FY 22 on the heels of another successful Annual Town Meeting, held indoors at the high school, with all the safety measures we've relied on during the COVID-19 pandemic. The community continues to navigate the changing environment that COVID-19 presents us with; there was hope that the pandemic was nearing its end with the arrival of vaccinations, however new variants of the virus quickly had the return of masks and remote meetings towards the end of the 2021 into 2022.

With vaccinations in place, we saw the return of some version of pre-pandemic living. The Belchertown Cultural Council was able to restart some of their community programs, including the return of Food Truck Fridays in the summer and their popular Winter Light Night event during Small Business Saturday. Unfortunately, due to rising health concerns, the difficult decision was made to cancel the annual Belchertown Fair.

Our community had two major floods here in town – on East Street and Gulf Road – where severe storms washed out large portions of the road and flooded residents' homes. Thanks to the quick action of our town emergency team (Town administrator, Fire, Police, Conservation, Water and DPW) the situations were assessed, and repair and maintenance began swiftly to abate the burden on the local residents who were impacted by the flooding.

Beginning in the summer, the town underwent an audit by the Division of Local Services which was quite complimentary of the town staff. There are several recommendations, including the addition of a Human Resources staff person, which was already in our budget. The town hopes to fill this position in the remaining months of FY22.

After being denied entry in FY 19, our town was one of 15 projects invited to begin the process with the Massachusetts School Board Authority to be considered for their grant funding and assistance in assessing Jabish Middle School built in 1964. The School department is looking at addressing repair/maintenance/rebuild during this process which will be considered during a feasibility study. The town will be voting at a Special Town Meeting held on March 7, 2022 to consider funding for the study.

The Master plan for the town is slowly being updated by sections – the Economic Development section was updated in 2020, with the completion of the Open Space and Recreation section update during 2021. There was also a new section that was added upon its completion – the Age and Dementia Friendly Section that was spearheaded by the Council on Aging. All this work combined with a state funded Local Rapid Recovery Plan report has led to support of the recommended decision to hire a contracted Economic Development Director in the second half of FY22 with state designated American Rescue Plan funding.

Other exciting news related to economic development was the official passing of legislation for the protection of the approximate 430-acre historic site known as Lampson Brook Farm and the constitution of a town board to develop a management plan for the land. The other major piece of news was the selection of Brisa Ventures, LLC to develop a 12-acre parcel of land at Carriage Grove, including the former Administration Building, with the intention of building of mixed-income residential community featuring approximately 100 units of housing and other community space within the Administration Building.

As our Town Staff continue to operate under the continued stress of COVID-19, they continue to be highly successful in applying and securing major grants to help supplement tax revenue with additional services and benefits for our community, including the acquisition of new conservation land, new recreational assets, equipment, and personnel. The Select Board commends these efforts and extends their appreciation and thanks on behalf of the entire town.

In addition to our paid staff, our town is extremely fortunate to have dedicated volunteers on our committees and boards who work towards the benefit of our community entire. If interested, we highly encourage folks to investigate these opportunities to engage with the municipality and work hand in hand with other amazing individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Turner, Chair
Belchertown Select Board

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As we close out another year operating under pandemic conditions, the challenges our employees and residents have experienced are like nothing I have ever experienced. Although there was some moderation following widespread cases of the Delta Covid variant, a new strain identified as Omicron again impacted staff and operational parameters significantly. I would personally like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the Town's employees and elected officials for their extraordinary efforts while maintaining essential services to the extent possible with frequent staff shortages, program disruptions and supply shortages. As mentioned previously, what we have experienced over the last two years is like nothing I have ever experienced.

As previously reported, town officials in conjunction with the Attorney General's office, MassDEP, the Sportshaven Tenants Association and Mass Legal Assistance have continued to rebuild infrastructure and move forward transferring ownership of the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park to the Tenants Association. Our progress in recent months has been substantial. At present a new 340' deep public water supply has been developed, preliminary designs for drinking water and wastewater systems are underway. I am hopeful another construction season will position this facility to reliable infrastructure and new ownership.

At our annual town meeting held on June 12, 2021, voters quickly supported routine warrant articles enabling the Town to continue operating for another fiscal year, voted to support the annual operating budget and a significant amount of capital investments. Of particular interest is a $1.7 million ladder truck for the Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department. With the ongoing construction of our town and integration of larger commercial type facilities such as Stop & Shop and the Christopher Heights Assisted Living Facility, our public safety departments are at a significant disadvantage in the absence of a this critical piece of equipment. On behalf of the Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department, a huge thank you to the Belchertown voters for supporting this acquisition.

Late in the calendar year, the Belchertown Department of Public Works and MassDOT completed the rehabilitation of Maple and State Streets, beginning at the town center and terminating at the intersection of Route 202 and Route 21. This $5+ million dollar project included replacement of all drinking water infrastructure within its service area, improved surface water management, sidewalks, curbs, utility pole relocation, guardrails, pavement reclamation, and signalization at the intersection of Stadler Street and Front Street, and Route 202 and Route 21. This project was complicated and lengthy creating travel delays and hardship for our residents. We understand that and appreciate your cooperation. We hope the newly constructed roadway will build greater efficiency in this service area.

At the former Belchertown State School site, demolition work continued through the summer months attracting interested business owners. MassDevelopment and the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) have also designed and approved a new industrial road approximately 450' in length accessing that portion of the campus that has been earmarked for light industrial development. We expect that construction to be advertised for bids early in the spring of 2022. The BEDIC have also entered into a development agreement focusing on the seven acre front parcel and contiguous land to the rear of Belchertown Day School/Christopher Heights which had previously been earmarked for housing development. We expect further announcements on this agreement in the new year.

Although Belchertown remained under operation constraints, new construction remained brisk. Our 2021 development of new single family homes and condominiums was very consistent with the previous year. Considering the escalation in lumber prices, labor shortages and contractors working under pandemic conditions, our residential and light business growth was impressive. I would like to thank our building services department both internally and externally for promptly reviewing all building permit applications and scheduling all the necessary inspections to enable our development community to continue operating efficiently.

As part of the Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds (federal stimulus), Belchertown is earmarked to receive approximately $4.2 million dollars, $2.1 million in 2021 and additional $2.1 million in 2022 to offset local revenue loss and potentially provide assistance for any number of eligible programs to include public health, assistance to small business, assistance to non-profits, aid to impacted industries, public safety, water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and the list goes on and on. To begin discussions on how Belchertown may implement these funds, a working group was assembled in the fall of 2021 with discussions to continue as more clarity on the intent and applicable uses of the funds becomes available from the federal government.

After serving our community well for nearly 60 years, the Jabish Brook Middle School is in desperate need for renovations or reconstruction. At present, the Belchertown School Department, myself, Chair of the Select Board, and others have been actively discussing this project with the Commonwealth School Building Assistance Program for potential financial backing. At present, it is unknown whether renovation or rebuilding will be preferred scope; that determination will be made once a feasibility study is conducted. Although discussions are very preliminary at present, it is entirely possible the Cold Spring School initially constructed in the 1950s could potentially be phased out as part of the Jabish Brook project. This is a three to five year commitment. We are at a very preliminary stage at this time.

For those who may be interested, the Town has now ratified over six host community agreements for cultivators and retailers of cannabis project. Although we have done our work, we continue to be without a farm or storefront in this industry. There are presently two retail permits in the hands of applicants to operate a retail cannabis storefronts, one on North Main Street next to Family Dollar and the other on George Hannum Road next to Florence Savings Bank. Both applicants continue to suggest they will be opening soon; however, activity has been very minimal. These facilities opening would greatly benefit the Town in terms of local taxation as allowed under the individual host agreements. I am hopeful to see progress in this area very soon.

In closing, I would again like to express my sincere appreciation to the Town's employees, elected officials and all who continue to make our town desirable and operationally efficient during these very challenging times. I am hopeful 2022 will be the year of transition away from these complicated Covid restrictions enabling us to again open all of our town buildings without operational constraints and a return to all of those extracurricular events we all enjoy on an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2021 was the first full fiscal year in the Covid-19 pandemic which while challenging operationally, financially the Town was able to manage the additional expenses while maintaining all of its employees and providing necessary operations in a mix of remote and in-person conditions.

The operations for FY'21 were supported through level State funding, Town local receipts and the property tax levy (real estate taxes of 2.5% plus new growth), and use of Free-Cash and Stabilization Funds to close the yearly operating budget deficit. The revenues that are generated locally and received from the State are not able to keep up with the annual rise in expenses. As Belchertown continues to grow and residents expect additional services, there has to also be an expectation that new revenues will be identified. The Finance Committee continues to prioritize cost containment and level personnel funding until new revenues are found. The Committee also continues to focus on less reliance on stabilization funds for operations, and an annual contribution to OPEB (other postemployment benefit).

	Actual FY'2020	Actual FY'2021	Projected FY'2022	% Change FY'21 to FY'22
Income:				
Town local receipts	3,537,469	3,509,485	3,393,900	-3.3%
Property tax levy	28,616,142	29,791,509	30,937,000	3.8%
State Funding & School Building (cherry sheet allocation)	18,527,829	18,616,973	18,925,188	1.7%
Ambulance receipts and other	910,000	905,000	905,000	0.0%
Total Income	51,591,440	52,822,967	54,161,088	2.5%
Expenses:				
State Expenses (cherry sheet)	2,264,383	2,520,064	2,683,069	6.5%
School expenses	30,013,376	30,509,793	30,798,060	0.9%
Pathfinder assessment	1,346,880	1,105,305	1,099,138	-0.6%
Town departments	11,335,954	11,467,121	11,860,758	3.4%
Debt and insurance	7,440,073	7,691,271	7,969,330	3.6%
Other expenses	384,271	448,741	433,961	-3.3%
Total Expenses	52,784,937	53,742,295	54,844,316	2.1%
Operating Budget Deficit	(1,193,497)	(919,328)	(683,228)	
OPEB funding	100,278	-	-	
Deficit	**(1,293,775)**	**(919,328)**	**(683,228)**	
Free Cash	1,002,780	551,684	556,916	
Stabilization funding	298,000	400,000	175,000	
Total Other Revenues	**1,300,780**	**951,684**	**731,916**	
Available Funds	**7,005**	**32,356**	**48,688**	

With the receipt of over $4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in late FY'21 /early FY'22, the Town needs to capitalize on ensuring funds are used to address long-term strategic initiatives while also offsetting/reimbursing the additional expenses already incurred as a result of the pandemic. All funds need to be expended within the guidelines of the grant.

Respectively Submitted,
Lynne E. Raymer
Finance Chair, FY'22

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2021 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Eric LeBeau, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Max Bock, Maintenance Department.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary and responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

COVID continued to cause issues for local farmers as they changed and adapted their marketing of products to producers. A very wet summer was also challenging. The Belchertown Farmer's Market was fortunate enough to be able to continue to adapt to a model that allowed for social distancing and other COVID-19 regulations so that consumers in Belchertown had a weekly opportunity to purchase fresh food directly from local farms.

The Commission is very excited about the possibilities that come with the new Lampson Brook Farm Property.

We welcome Elly Vaughan as a new member of our commission and look forward to better times in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Will Shattuck, Chair
Tom Hastings, Member
Jeff Pronovost, Member
Tammy Ryan, Vice-Chair
Tom Roberts, Member
Elly Vaughan, Member
Lori Carver, Secretary
Louise Butler, Member

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Select Board, who, prior to the inception of ACAB, was holding numerous hearings regarding domestic animal complaints and neighbor disputes within the community. As a result, the Select Board agreed it beneficial to form a separate board to hear and resolve matters that have escalated beyond the day to day functions of the Animal Control Officer.

The members of the ACAB comprise of residents with a wealth of knowledge and experience with domestic animals. All members currently are pet owners. Members include kennel operators, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service animal. ACAB works closely with the Animal Control Officer in resolving matters of an escalated nature, and often, disputes between neighbors.

In 2021, ACAB had one hearing on October 6. All matters were successfully resolved within 30 days with the help of the Animal Control Officer so another meeting was not necessary.

ACAB remains a stable and dedicated Board. We are looking forward to a successful 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Luippold, Chairperson
Audrey Safford
Brian Breveleri
Carol Kasabian
Chrystal Greenleaf
Paul Kopulos
Lori Carver

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

TOTAL ANIMALS IN: 123				
-Animals Brought In via Stray and Owner Surrender	Cats:	54	Dogs:	27
	Crow:	1	Chicken:	1
	Pigeons:	4	Hawk:	1
	Rooster:	1	Parakeets:	2
-Animals Born in Shelter	Cats:	0	Dogs:	0
-Animals Transferred In	Cats:	9	Dogs:	0
-Animals Returned from Adoption	Cats:	3	Dogs:	0
-Animals Returned from Fostering	Cats:	20	Dogs:	0
TOTAL ANIMALS OUT: 111				
-Animals Adopted	Cats:	36	Dogs:	4
	Rooster:	1	Chicken:	1
	Parakeets:	2		
-Animals Dead on Arrival	Cats:	1	Dogs:	0
-Animals Going into Foster	Cats:	21	Dogs:	0
-Animals Euthanized	Cats:	0	Dogs:	0
-Animals Returned to Owners	Cats:	7	Dogs:	22
	Pigeons:	4		
-Animals Transferred to Other Shelters	Cats:	0	Dogs:	2
	Crow:	1	Hawk:	1
-Animals Returned to Feral Colony	Cats:	8		

Animals at Belchertown Animal Control at the end of 2020:	Cats: 1	Dogs: 1
Animals at Belchertown Animal Control at the end of 2021:	Cats: 17	Dogs: 0
Animals in Foster at the end of 2020:	Cats: 3	Dogs: 0
Animals in Foster at the end of 2021:	Cats: 4	Dogs: 0

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the municipal election in May, Donald Minney was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Raymond Goff and Thomas Barry remain members of the Board. After 33 years of dedicated service to the Town of Belchertown, Lori Atwell retired. The Board and the entire assessing staff wish Lori a happy and healthy retirement.

Although the costs associated with operating municipal government continue to rise, the Assessors Office works within the constraints of a "level service" budget to provide the town with accurate valuations and financial data.

Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2021 municipal budget included:

FY21 Total Taxable Value	1,644,081,836
Town Meeting Appropriations	$56,787,987
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	$26,980,783
Tax Levy	$29,980,783
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$29,827,808
FY21 New Growth	$451,173
FY21 Tax Rate	$18.13

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners.
The number of exemptions are as follows:

Elderly/Widowed	28
Disabled Veterans/surviving spouses (of disabled veterans)	171
Blind (certified by MA Commission for the Blind)	2

The Board also reviewed and acted upon "Chapter" applications for land devoted to agricultural/horticultural, recreational or forestry uses. The Board continues to perform field reviews as needed.

The Assessors conducted a valuation update of all real and personal property in fiscal year 2021. Due to improved market conditions, the town's overall property values increased. The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue's certification standards.

Commercial activity continues to increase in town. Examples of new commercial development include a day care building at the former state school property and a convenience store/gas station on State Street. The staff continues to value new residential developments such as Hickory Hills off George Hannum Road and Summer Hill condominiums along Daniel Shays Highway.

In accordance with Department of Revenue guidelines, the assessors are obligated to inspect each property every ten years. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the assessing staff performed interior inspections while adhering to local health care protocols and safety measures.

Although the town hall was closed to the public for part of the year, the Board appreciates the staff's ability to provide timely and accurate information to the citizens of Belchertown along with the general public.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Barry, Chair
Raymond Goff
Donald Minney

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

In general, the purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the public access television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to need volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equal more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station
The BCTV weather information program is broadcast on Charter channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station. This service operates 24 hours a day.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

-Select Board
-Board of Health
-School Committee
-Zoning Board of Appeals
-Agricultural Commission
-Conservation Commission
-Council on Aging
-Energy and Sustainability Committee
-Planning Board
-Annual Town Meeting
-Special Town Meeting
-BEDIC

Educational Access Programs-Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include: In a normal school year, we would have covered the following events: the COVID pandemic meant that this year most of them were not scheduled:

-Most BHS Band Concerts
-Most BHS Drama Presentations
-Most CHCS Band Concerts
-BHS Annual Graduation Ceremony
-Swift River and Chestnut Hill school productions

Community Access Programs-BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes: Again, the COVID pandemic meant most of the following events did not happen this year.

-Summer Community Band Concerts
-Carols on the Common
-Annual Belchertown Fair
-Winter Light Night
-Some Holiday Events
-Meditation with Lori
-Memorial Day Ceremonies
-Annual Fair Parade
-Town Talk
-Veterans Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

-St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
-Christ Community Church
-Hope United Methodist Church

BCTV Streaming Service and Archive Service: Use Belchertownctv.viebit.com to access streaming Channels 191 and 192. Archived shows can be viewed by going to the Town Web page (Belchertown.org) and clicking on Residents and then click on BCTV and then Watch Previous Meetings.

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:

-Conversations with Pakman
-Curious Giraffe
-Your Right to Know (Fitchburg City Republican Committee)

Accomplishment and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us an asset in Belchertown. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we installed a permanent video/audio console At CHCS for School Committee Meeting. The new console should make it easier and quicker for our staff to setup and go live/stream from that location.

As has been noted throughout this report, the pandemic changed how we operate on a day-to-day basis. Normal town meetings were now virtual town meetings. BCTV purchased/acquired through town resources computers that would interface with our video/audio equipment. Add in some converters and BCTV was able to broadcast live the virtual town committee meetings.

The Town IT Department loaded the virtual meeting software onto the computers so that BCTV could "attend" the meetings. With some staff training on the use of the new systems and we were back to "normal" in less than a week.

BCTV does have a small but extremely dedicated staff. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVDs, upload to Sprout for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

- Brenda Aldrich – School Committee, Town Talk
- Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, upload shows to Sprout
- Dan Beaudette – ZBA, Selectmen, Council on Aging, Agricultural Commission
- Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual and Special Town Meetings, and other events
- Keith Bettencourt – Conversations with Pakman
- Charlotte Cassidy – producer of Educational Crafting with Charlotte, a children friendly show
- Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
- Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
- Frank Lomanno – BCTV IT Manager, all live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission
- Audrey Williams – BCTV Bulletin Board

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Louraine, Station Manager
Peg Louraine, Operations Manager

BELCHERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Select Board appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs. BEDIC overcame many long-term obstacles blocking the development of the site, solving the indemnification issues with the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) with help from our legislators and MassDevelopment. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of an additional parcel to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues as master developer for site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, and the Planning Board. The site, named Carriage Grove, is being marketed broadly. The main road, Carriage Drive, was completed in November 2019 and opened to the public in December. The 2,000 foot road,

enabled by a $3,000,000 Mass Works grant, is complete with imbedded infrastructure for new development projects. The road was accepted by the Town in 2020.

Through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost $9.5-million in State funds to date for remediation and demolition of twenty structures including: the cottages, the large School Building, Dorm G, the infirmary, the hospital, cafeteria, laundry and storage buildings, totaling around 300,000 sq.

In 2021, MassDevelopment designed a cul-de-sac road that will open up 15 acres of light industrial land to the east of Carriage Drive. Grant funds through the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Commonwealth Site Readiness Program will be used to build the road.

Site security has been increased with the very active participation of the Police Department.

Christopher Heights of Belchertown assisted living facility and the Belchertown Day School are actively operating their buildings on site. BEDIC has received additional development project proposals for sections for the site and is concluding negotiations through MassDevelopment for those projects.

BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board, the Belchertown Historical and Conservation Commissions, Town groups and the State to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site and providing access for the public through a trails network. This work continues. The EDIC provided the Carriage Grove Common for the Belchertown Cultural Alliance to present an art and cultural event.

MassDevelopment and BEDIC have secured $804,000 through the Site Readiness Program towards abatement and demolition and a $250,000 through the Brownfields grant program toward hazardous material abatement and remediation. BEDIC and MassDevelopment applied for $500,000 from the U.S. EPA FY21 Brownfields Clean Up Program for the demolition but were denied. We have reapplied for $650,000 from the U.S. EPA FY22 Brownfields fund and anticipate notification in April 2022.

Issued a Request for Information (RFI) to propose the development of the entire site or half or part of the development site. Brisa Development was the best response. BEDIC has entered into an LOI with Brisa and anticipate finalizing a Purchase and Sale agreement for the first phase of development in early 2022.

Directors:

William Terry, Chair	Kirk Stephens, Vice Chair	Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat	Beth Maroney, Financial Seat	Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

BELCHERTOWN FAMILY CENTER

The Belchertown Family Center is located at 51 State Street and currently opens Wednesday and Friday from 10-1130 a.m. on a sign up basis due to Health Department and EEC regulations. The BFC also offers Parent Cafes and online playgroups that are announced on the Family Center Facebook page. The BFC is a community service that is funded by Collaborative for Educational Services, the Town of Belchertown, and with the generous support of the community. The center is a resource for families with children ages infant to five years old and is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, developmentally and physically through enrichment activities and play. The Belchertown Family Center supports teaching and modeling appropriate parenting skills and offers resources for developmental skills and community outreach services, such as Valley Families and WIC. We offer playgroups, where children can work on gross and fine motor skills. In addition, we foster pretend play, arts and crafts projects, music activities and pre math and pre reading activities that are research based. All activities are geared toward a smooth transition into preschool and Kindergarten. In addition to these services, the Family Center also collaborates with WIC and Community Action to offer assistance and community resources to families in need. The center also provides resources for families of young children who are new to the area. Through

our relationship with Collaborative for Educational Services, the center is able to provide a full group of resources and programs to benefit young children as well. We also provide caregivers with opportunities to meet and socialize with other families, creating dialog and networking to strengthen community.

During the past two years, the BFC has continued to navigate the new reality of Covid 19. The BFC continues to move forward with socially distant outdoor playgroups on Tuesdays, as well as online story times, done through Zoom. The center also offers socially distant parent cafes and video stories as well. With the help of the Collaborative for Educational Services, the center also offers online parent workshops, such as Baby Sign Language, Grand parenting during Covid, Stress Relief for Preschoolers and Bilingual Story Times.

For more information, please contact the Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201 or visit our Facebook page.

BELCHERTOWN OVERCOMING ADDICTION TOGETHER (BOAT)

BOAT was formed in 2016 in response to the need for local leadership action to address and combat the ongoing opioid crisis. The Task Force is comprised of local officials and various members of the community, each offering unique experience and expertise critical to development of comprehensive plans to tackle substance misuse at the local level.

BOAT has been hard at work this past year, collaborating with Hampshire HOPE, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, and other regional organizations. These collaborations, along with partnership with the Belchertown Police Department and its Drug Addiction & Recovery Team (DART) , BOAT has successfully maintained and expanded resources to help serve residents affected by substance use disorders; helped &supported their loved ones; promoted prevention; and educated the community on addiction, harm reduction and prevention. BOAT's mission is to not only provide support and resources, but to also serve as a catalyst for awareness, prevention, and harm reduction locally.

In concert with the Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown was awarded a 5-year Drug Free Communities Grant late in 2019. This funding is earmarked for substance use prevention efforts among Belchertown's youth population, with focus on alcohol, tobacco/vaping and marijuana use. The grant funding precipitated the development of Belchertown Understanding Obstacles in Youth (BUOY), which is focused specifically on substance use among Belchertown youths.

Belchertown Police Department's Drug Addiction & Recovery Team (DART) reports four fatal overdose calls, with 8 additional non-fatal overdoses reported during 2021. They also report 83 substance-related police calls in Belchertown this past year.

BOAT commemorated International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31 by hosting a vigil on the town common to honor those who have been lost to addiction-related causes, while celebrating those in recovery. The vigil included luminarias to honor loved ones, speakers, with all attendees being given the opportunity to share their stories or thoughts, informational resources, distribution of harm reduction items including Naloxone, and training on the use of Naloxone to reverse overdose.

A summary of some of our other 2021 activities include:

- Free Naloxone distribution and education events, resulting in dozens of doses of Naloxone being distributed.
- Organized a candlelight vigil on the town common to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day.
- Partnership with Tapestry Health to offer regularly scheduled mobile harm reduction services performed in Belchertown, beginning in 2022.
- Participated and partnered with SOAAR in their annual 5K & Music Festival.
- Deployed NaloxBoxes in Pine Valley Plantation.
- Participated in drug takeback day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Panto, Chairperson

BELCHERTOWN UNDERSTANDING OBSTACLES IN YOUTH (BUOY)

The Belchertown Public School District Drug Free Communities (DFC) program was established in late 2019. The DFC is a Federal 5-year grant initiative that provides funding to community based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. BUOY is an affiliate of Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together Coalition (BOAT) and its primary focus is to strengthen collaboration among community structures and systems to reduce substance use among youth. BOUY's vision is to create a substance use prevention program supported by the community. BUOY and the BOAT Coalition will work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy and drug-free community in collaboration with schools, community partners, parents and students who strive to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse. A summary of highlighted activities are below:

- May 2021, a Program Director/Project Coordinator, Kris Hoag, and a Community Engagement Coordinator, Cara Caron, were hired.
- BUOY has developed partnerships with 12 coalitions across Hampshire and Hampden County and 9 organizations, who work together toward a common goal of, primarily prevention, treatment and recovery.
- BUOY has established membership on 7 different committees including: Hampshire Hope Regional School Health Task Force, Strategic Planning Initiative for Families (SPIFFY) and Youth Steering Committee, SPIFFY Regional Policy Norms and Workgroup, Hampshire HOPE Regional School Health Task Force, Western MA Prevention Coalition, BPS Healthy and Safer Schools Subcommittee, and BPS Diversity, Respect, Equity, Action, and Multiculturalism (DREAM) Team.
- BUOY has attended 3 summit/conferences with High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS), and Virtual Safe School Summit through the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Office.
- BUOY has completed 34 professional development workshops/trainings.
- Kris and Cara have become Certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructors.
- Kris and Cara have been trained as instructors for Catch My Breath, an evidenced-based vaping prevention program and is endorsed by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- BUOY has been involved in capacity building in community activities, where information was made available to the public regarding vaping, alcohol and marijuana prevention to parents. Informational materials were derived from National Institute on Drug Abuse, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, SAMHSA, MA Department of Public Health, BSAS, Get Outraged.org, and various other organizations. Some activities included:
  - BPS Open House – Jabish Brook MS, CHCS, and BHS
  - SOAAR 5k
  - International Overdose Awareness Day: BOAT Candlelight Vigil
  - Annual Trunk or Treat
  - Drug Take Back Day
  - Farmer's Market
  - National *Night Out*
- BUOY has established a youth coalition within BHS, which has become a chapter of the national organization of Students Against Destructive Decisions.
- BUOY has purchased eCHECK UP TO GO for the BHS, which is a personalized, evidenced-based online intervention for behavior change, which was developed by counselors and psychologists at San Diego State University. The 3 modules include Vaping, Marijuana, and Alcohol. They are currently used on over 600 institutions in 4 countries.
- BUOY funded the Botvin Life Skills Training program, which is an evidenced-based prevention program for schools, families and communities and is implemented at Chestnut Hill Community School.
- BUOY obtained and distributed Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral Treatment (SBIRT) tool to all BPS. SBIRT is a comprehensive, intergrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as, those who are risk of developing these disorders.
- BUOY has partnered with MA General Hospital, MA Department of Public Health,

and the Institute for Health and Recovery in launching a pilot program iDECIDE. iDECIDE (Drug, Education Curriculum: Intervention, Diversion and Empowerment) was designed to promote education and empowerment, instead of punishment, as an equitable response to adolescent substance use. Providing youth with science-based knowledge and skills, iDECIDE challenges young people to make decisions that align with their core values and future goals to support their own personal well-being.BUOY has completed environmental scans at all of the tobacco retailers in town. BUOY has collaborated with said stores and the Department of Public Health in ensuring that all signage required by MA State Law and Regulations for tobacco sales. BUOY distributed signage, along with a toolkit to assist retailers in training themselves and employees regarding checking identification, smoking cessation resources, and facts and danger of vaping.

- BUOY collaborated with the Department of Public Works and The BOH in obtaining and posting "This is smoke-free area" signs on municipal buildings in accordance with Regulation 261-3 Smoking prohibited in public places.
- BUOY collaborated with the Belchertown PD in performing alcohol compliance checks. BUOY will distribute letters and tool kits to establishments holding a liquor license, which will include Best Practices for Selling Smart (created by BSAS, MassDOT, MA DPH, and Cambridge Prevention Coalition), examples of legal I.D.s to purchase alcohol, and signage to post in establishments.
- BUOY orchestrated Red Ribbon Week at Chestnut Hill Community School. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign
- BUOY partnered with SPIFFY in establishing and orchestrating MassPack and TIPS server training to alcohol retailers, restaurants and bars employees
- BUOY posts weekly information to parents in Superintendent Cameron's Friday Focus including, but not limited to, vaping, marijuana, alcohol, youth mental health, and talking to your children about substance, SAMHSA's Talk They Hear You Campaign, and Awkward Conversations PSA short-form web series developed by the DEA
- BUOY has created a Facebook page, which has accumulated 163 Followers.
- BUOY developed a Vaping presentation, specifically designed for BPS parents. The vaping presentation was made available on BUOY's Facebook page and Friday Focus. This you tube video has been viewed 43 times.
- Kris Hoag, Program Director/Project Coordinator and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Shawn Fortin completed a 3 week National Coalition Academy orchestrated by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's National Coalition Institute. CADCA represents over 5,000 community coalitions. The Academy's training curriculum is organized within SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework.
- BUOY attended CADCA's 20th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute and 32nd Annual National Leadership Forum with over 3,000 coalition participants, at which time BUOY attended the NCA graduation to receive their completion plaque.
- BUOY has attended two school committee meetings at which time they presented information about the coalition, as well as, 2021 Preventative Needs Assessment Survey data.

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2021 began with the pandemic in full swing and the library building closed to the public. Nevertheless, staff reported to the building each day to answer phones and questions, and to prepare and deliver items for curbside pickup.

Following a phone call or online request, library materials were checked out, packaged, and delivered to the front porch for scheduled pickups. Staff members were also kept busy assembling themed book bundles for patrons requesting general topics or genres. With ample practice from 2020, the procedure worked smoothly and efficiently. Telephone tech support was in predictably high demand during this period and a variety of virtual programs continued to be offered regularly. With the advent of warmer

weather and with hope on the horizon, planning began for summer reading programs, accompanied by uncertainty as to whether they would take place virtually, or as in-person outdoor events.

On June 9, the Library building reopened for in-person browsing with limitations, but also with many pleased library users. This presented yet another opportunity to adjust to new procedures. Masks, appointments, and social distancing were required. Seating was removed, and occupancy in the Children's Room was limited to one family per half hour block. Families were especially appreciative of the safety protocols that allowed them to browse in a safe environment. A greeter met patrons at the door to explain the new guidelines and ensure capacity limits. Initially, substantial numbers continued to use the curbside service. By mid-July, appointments were discontinued, as vaccine availability increased followed by increased in-person visits. Curbside appointments continued until demand declined. Nevertheless, the service continues to be available by special request. Use of the copy machine and fax service remains high on a daily basis.

Following the theme of "Tales and Tails", Belchertown artist Scott Fisher once again designed an outstanding original logo for the Summer Reading Program. Staff ingenuity was still on display with programs held outside, weather permitting. The Library teamed up with the East Quabbin Land Trust to provide an environmental fact walk at Lake Wallace, and later, an outdoor program on crayfish. Live exotic animals from around the world came to visit, as did Wally of Red Sox fame. Wally came virtually, followed by the always popular Whalemobile, with its focus on humpback whales. Additional activities included distribution of educational fossil kits, make and take crafts, puppet shows, virtual pajama story time, a Farmer's Market story walk, pre-assembled kits to construct and present at-home puppet theaters, with virtual performances shared online. There were big blocks on the lawn, an anime club, sing-a-longs, concerts, and assorted music series', Russian dancers, programs geared toward homeschoolers, and Spooky Crafts for Halloween.

Cold weather sent us scrambling indoors. Due to the difficulty of socially distancing within the building, story time relocated to the Recreation Center and the preschool music series moved to the Town Hall Auditorium. We feel lucky to have these options.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) remained active and contributed ideas that became future programs, including virtual Teen Write Nights (five of them), Scattegories on the lawn, Free Teen Book Hour (giveaways!), a tie-dye workshop, outdoor pumpkin carving, and Teen Trivia Night. Library Lunch Hour offered an opportunity to share book and movie recommendations, and Cards for a Cause galvanized teens to create greeting cards for hospitalized youth.

Three adult book discussion groups continued to meet virtually until warm weather allowed for outdoor meetings. Mystery enthusiasts, sci-fi-fantasy aficionados, and the Clapp Critics all met consistently, regardless of the climate. The Virtual Holiday Cookie Swap wasn't exactly like the real thing, but still gave bakers a chance to dream. The Library collaborated with other Massachusetts libraries to present a series of five virtual programs on Massachusetts Must-Read Authors, focusing on different authors or panels of writers discussing their new titles, each of which was recognized by the Massachusetts Center for the Book as a must-read book of the year.

To help expand internet connectivity throughout town, the Library received five additional internet hotspots from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners as part of a statewide program with federal funding. Up to ten devices can be connected to a single hotspot, which can be checked out for two weeks.

In the fall, we were thrilled to showcase the return of extraordinary art created by Belchertown High School students. It's like bringing a traveling museum into the building! And in November, we were thrilled to once again welcome the kindergarten classes back for library visits. It was truly a pleasure to see them back in the building.

The Library acquired access to three digital resources from Scholastic designed to support virtual and remote learning for K-12. The databases focus on social studies topics, STEM content, and reading.

The Library said goodbye to Mary Senecal, who retired after 23 years of service. If there is one thing we have learned these many months, it's get ready for change and we wish her well.

Membership in the C/WMARS resource sharing network leverages our collection by allowing our users to borrow materials from 155 member libraries with combined collections of over 8.1 million items. This membership also provides access to the OverDrive Digital Collection featuring over 120,000 e-books, 3,000 serial subscriptions, and nearly 50,000 audio books.

The Library houses a small but select collection of 25,194 print books, 4,545 audio items, 6,619 DVDs, and 50 print magazine subscriptions. In addition, we offer a variety of electronic collections, most of which can be accessed from home. These include genealogy resources, foreign language learning, online animated picture books, Consumer Reports, Birds of the World, and the New York Times. Interest in our streaming services, Kanopy and Hoopla, has remained consistently high.

The pandemic has prevented the fantastic Friends of the Library from presenting their much-anticipated twice-yearly book sales. We optimistically look forward to their return. As always, we thank all of you for your generosity, good will, and support throughout another challenging year. We continue do everything we can to serve our community in the safest, most practical manner possible.

Whether you want to read a newspaper, borrow a telescope, peruse a magazine, or check out cds, magazines, dvds or audiobooks, there's always something new at the Library. Please visit.

Submitted by,

Sheila McCormick, Library Director
Clapp Memorial Library

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful fifteenth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averages $50 per household/year. This year the state provided a 23.92% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2021 was $271,473.00 and the state match was $77,713.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown have greatly multiplied the town's own contributions. Over the last 15 years, there has been a total of $1,204,179 spent on the preservation of open space; $466,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities; $1,031,091 on the creation and rehabilitation of recreational areas; and $1,350184 on the preservation of historic features; all tallying $4,051,454. Leveraged funding has totaled $21,399,860 so the Town has benefited from a total of $25,451,314 in projects.

The 2021 Annual Town Meeting approved seven CPA projects with a total appropriation of $265,725, with total matching funds of $1,106,413. These projects include:

- Old Town Hall Roof and Chimney Restoration
- Gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope, Lake Vale and Hillcrest Cemeteries
- Rehabilitation of the Chestnut Hill Basketball Courts
- Jessica's Boundless Playground electrical service
- Relocation of the baseball field at Foley Field – Final Project Phase
- Berkshire Ave History Walk at the Belchertown State School
- Sportshaven water and sewer project

The CPC is committed to an open public process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving on the 9-member commission for the past year include:

At-Large - James Natle, Chair
At-Large - Megan Manitsas
Historic Committee - Alex Loss
Planning Board - Mike Hofler
Conservation Commission - David Lamb
At-Large - Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
At-Large - Wilbur Quirk
Recreation Committee - Steven Corbin
Housing Authority - Nancy Delgado Bachman
Select Board Liaison - Jen Turner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Department has multiple mandates: implement the Wetlands Protection Act & Belchertown Wetlands Bylaw through the Conservation Commission; acquire, preserve & manage open space lands; and implement the Stormwater Management Program. The Department has met these obligations, and exceeded them, in a variety of creative and effective ways.

Department staff provided technical expertise and coordinated the production of 20 public hearings and meetings held by the Conservation Commission; coordinating, evaluating, and issuing decisions for 6 Requests for Determination; 11 Notices of Intent; 19 Certificates of Compliance; and 2 Extension Permits. The Department issued 7 Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. Additionally, the Department issued and pursued compliance with 15 Enforcement Orders. Department staff also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests, as well as all forest cutting plans, over 65 items. Department staff have conducted well over 300 site visits combined to monitor ongoing projects and enforcement issues.

The Department, through the Conservation Administrator, has been continuing to prioritize the acquisition and management of Town open space lands. The Department has worked to preserve new lands, improve the town's existing conservation areas through a variety of projects, and promote long-term goals through extensive grant awards:

The MassTrails MCRT Segment 1C Conceptual Design grant for $100,000 was completed, and MassTrails awarded the Department an additional $300,000 to achieve 25% Design of Segment 1C. The US Forest Service awarded the Department $483,750 to purchase the 80 acre Dubois parcel on South Gulf Road, and the MVP program awarded the Department $480,000 to design dam removal/repair, culvert replacements, and purchase an additional 32 acres on South Gulf Road. The Department was also awarded a $92,500 DER Culvert Replacement Grant to design a new crossing on Warren Wright Road. The CHII grant program awarded the Department $10,000 to investigate various ways to improve accessibility on its conservation lands, and then awarded an additional $10,000 in order to create an ADA accessible trail at the Meadows Conservation Area. The Open Space & Recreation Plan was given a complete review and overhaul using a $10,000 DLTA award obtained by the Conservation Department. After over 20 years, the Belchertown Open Space & Recreation Plan was comprehensively updated through the facilitation of the Administrator and the Stormwater Coordinator, & the ad hoc OSRP

Committee. The Department also offered internships for the fourth consecutive summer, resulting in project-based work at no cost to the Town.

The Department has preserved approximately 160 acres of conservation land in 2021, 80 acres on South Gulf Road, with 10 acres being donations such as the Fry Trail and open space on Helen Lane. The Department has achieved funding in 2021 to purchase another 32 acres, and has arranged for the donation of over 40 acres more by June 30, 2022.

Over this calendar year, the Conservation Department, through its Administrator, has brought in nearly $1.5 million in grants & preserved over 160 acres of conservation land; and is on track to continue that trend in 2022. These grants will help preserve and improve natural areas around town and make them more accessible for everyone to enjoy. The Department continues to implement its internship program by coordinating with local schools to develop listings and funding sources. Opportunities for the 2022 summer season internship program have already been posted.

Two dams failed in June & July, causing substantial damage along Gulf Rd. and East St. The Conservation Administrator investigated the causes (both natural and human-made) and provided technical guidance throughout the restoration process. The Conservation Department continues to work with other Town departments for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project. Conservation Department staff delineated the wetlands for replacement of the public water supply well & septic for Sportshaven Mobile Home Park. The Conservation Department, Conservation Commission, Belchertown Lakes Committee, Tri-Lakes Association, DPW, and the Select Board are currently all working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.

The addition of a Stormwater Coordinator to the office has allowed for the expansion of the Department's services. Specifically, the Stormwater Coordinator has spearheaded the implementation of GIS town-wide, including coordinating the purchase of GIS software and staff training. In collaboration with the IT Department, the Stormwater Coordinator is the point person for product review, purchasing, and development of an electronic permitting system that will be implemented Town-wide in 2022.
The Conservation Commission is the regulatory Stormwater Authority for the Town, and through the work of the Stormwater Coordinator, is responsible for the permitting process for Belchertown's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations, as well as any associated compliance and enforcement actions. These regulations serve to protect wells, watersheds and public health by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from construction. Thirty-four stormwater management permit applications were submitted for review in 2021; this year is the first time that site visits were conducted for each application. The stormwater coordinator educated developers', builders', & engineers' about green infrastructure and stormwater management; resulting in significant improvements in design and construction of stormwater best management practices. This education also resulted in additional use of low impact design, green infrastructure techniques, and creative stormwater management design.

The Stormwater Coordinator, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, has been working to achieve compliance with the Town's MS4 permit. This has been achieved through collaboration during the permitting process; increased housekeeping practices like street sweeping and cleaning of catchment basins, shared participation in a region-wide association of other Pioneer Valley towns to achieve public outreach requirements, and assisting in identifying and developing grant proposals to help to meet MS4 requirements. The DPW and Conservation department also detected and eliminated illicit discharge of fecal material to catch basins and public water supplies during 2021. In order to financially support the requirements of the MS4 permit, a Stormwater Utility was approved through Town Meeting in 2019. In fiscal year 2021, 70 abatements were filed; 37 were approved. Through the Department's education, and the Stormwater Coordinator's GIS work, only 28 abatement requests were submitted in FY22, with 18 approved.

The Select Board appointed Stephanie Sansoucy as the Conservation Secretary, Matthew DiBona as Conservation Commissioner, and Kate Kelly as Associate Conservation Commissioner. The Department is looking forward to new projects for the year 2022 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

Erica Larner, Conservation Administrator
Heather McCann, Stormwater Coordinator
Stephanie Sansoucy, Conservation Secretary

2021 Conservation Commission

David Haines, Chair	Jon Clements, Vice-Chair
Edward Knight, Commissioner	Sabrina Moreau, Commissioner
David Lamb, Commissioner	Douglas Beach, Commissioner

COUNCIL ON AGING

The year 2021 has been unlike any other year the Belchertown Senior Center has experienced. With the global pandemic COVID-19, the Center was closed to the public in March 2020 and remained closed until July 1, 2021. The Center needed to reinvent ways to continue providing essential services, all while keeping seniors and staff safe.

The Council on Aging is committed to enhancing the lives of older adults, age 60 and over through services, programs and activities that educate, assist and advocate on their behalf.

The Council on Aging remains focused on the goal of meeting the needs of Belchertown's older adults and continues to collaborate with various local agencies to provide information and referrals to Belchertown's growing senior population.

The Council on Aging continues to supplement the town budget with alternate funding from the Formula Grant, Federal Title IIIC, and Title IIIB. Funding from the Older Americans Act via the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and the Administration for Community Living, also assists in supplementation. Additionally, funding is received from Belchertown Cultural Council grants. The Belchertown Cultural Council is a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

Identifying and meeting the health needs of Belchertown's elder community continues to be a priority. Pre-COVID-19, wellness offerings included on site foot care provided by a registered foot care nurse, a hearing clinic offered by Wing Audiology and monthly blood pressure screenings conducted by Belchertown's public health nurse. Tai Chi, Healthy Bones and Balance, Yoga, Zumba and Active Aging Fitness classes were offered through the Council on Aging weekly. During Covid-19, foot care has been conducted with Board of Health approval, and safety procedures in place. An onsite flu clinic was also approved and offered in 2021. Exercise and wellness classes are held using the virtual platform ZOOM until the building was approved to re-open.

Once the COVID-19 vaccine became available in early 2021, the staff at the Center helped individuals navigate the lengthy and at times confusing online process of locating and scheduling a vaccination. When the vaccine booster was recommended in late 2021, the staff at the Center began the process once again. In total, the staff helped over 350 residents schedule appointments as well as transport them to those appointments.

Meeting the nutritional needs of Belchertown's senior community is accomplished through the daily Senior Lunch Program (in person dining closed in March and resumed in September 2021, 3 days per week), Meals on Wheels/Home Delivered Meals program, the monthly Brown Bag Program and Amherst Survival Center Mobile Food Pantry. There are also daily donations of bread available to everyone visiting the Senior Center. During the summer the Senior Center delivered bags of fresh produce to seniors.

Recognizing the need for a strong social network, the Council on Aging typically offers weekly card games, craft classes, Wii Bowling, a quilting group, a veterans' group as well as a Decluttering Support group. Monthly, educational/informational programs are also offered.

One of the most valuable services that the Senior Center has to offer the senior population of Belchertown is its transportation program. New COVID safety protocols are in place for all who utilize the program. Precautions include, but aren't limited to, vans being disinfected before and after each client, socially distanced seating from other client and the driver and masks worn at all times by driver and rider.

The Center also runs a grant funded Medical Transportation Program which enables our older residents to travel outside of Belchertown for medical appointments. A companion picks the individual up at home, drives him or her to the appointment, waits during the appointment and then drives the individual back home. Knowing that there is someone there to offer support really puts the client's mind at ease. This service is currently being offered on the Senior Center van as well as the usual private companion vehicle.

The Social Services/Outreach Department is available to all residents of Belchertown. Whether a resident needs referrals for themselves, a family member, or is seeking help with federal and state benefit applications, the Social Services staff can help. The Senior Center is fortunate that both the Coordinator and Assistant are S.H.I.N.E (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselors. They are trained and certified by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and are knowledgeable in many health insurance plans, including Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D; Medigap insurance, Medicare HMOs, retiree insurance plans, prescription drug programs, Medicaid, Medicare assistance programs and other programs for people with limited resources. Our staff is able to make home visits any time during the year, accept office appointments, walk-ins and provide phone consults to Belchertown residents. This is especially helpful during the Medicare Open Enrollment period each year.

The Council on Aging's monthly newsletter is mailed to Belchertown and out of town residents. It can also be viewed online or subscribed to and received via email. The Newsletter informs readers of the planned events, classes, meals and the diverse activities that the Center is offering.

The Council on Aging Executive Board of Directors, comprised of 6 dedicated volunteers, lends support to the Council on Aging staff. The Council on Aging Board members are:

John Belding-Chair	Colleen Duroshea-Vice Chair
Maura Guzik-Secretary	James Dowling
Robert Farrington	Diane Plante

The volunteers of the Council on Aging continue to be our most valuable asset. This dedicated group can typically be found helping in the kitchen, teaching classes or putting together the Brown Bags. Although slow to return to pre pandemic availability, in total they donated over 500 hours of free time to the Belchertown Senior Center in 2021.

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., under the direction of former President Ann Hess and now Patricia Kleeburg sponsored numerous items to aid in the physical and social wellbeing of Belchertown residents, including purchasing toilet paper, gift cards, and essential supplies. Their fund raising efforts and financial support of the Senior Center directly impacts the available programing, activities and events.

The Council on Aging provides many vital services to Belchertown residents. Each and every contact is registered as a unit of service and recorded for state and local funding purposes. Listed below is a sample of the key services provided from January 2021-November 2021 (Center reopened to the public in July).

Activities & Educational Programs:	753	Health and Wellness Clinics:	1656
Meals Served (reopened Sept 1 M-W-F):	369	Home Delivered Meals:	23,592
Brown Bag/Mobile Food Pantry:	1066	Outreach and SHINE Programs:	958
Transportation Services:	496		

The hard-working staff at the Council on Aging remains dedicated in their mission to provide excellent service to the older adult residents of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Langlois, Executive Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Belchertown Cultural Council ("BCC"), a local agency funded in part by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, manages the Local Cultural Council Grants ("LCC Grants") program for Belchertown and organizes cultural programming for our community.

LCC Grants: BCC's state allocation from Mass Cultural Council for FY20 was $8,600, a 32% increase over FY19. We received 27 applications totaling $17,637 and awarded grants totaling $8,200, reserving $500 for reprinting the Belchertown Coloring Book ($8,600 current year and $100 rollover from prior year unused funds). The following programs were funded:

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount
Valley Arts Mentors	Artist Mentoring Program & Webinar Series	$200
Empowerment Through The Arts, Inc.	The Hero's Journey: A Tribute, A 70 Year Path from Feeble-minded to Brilliant, Shifting the Mindset	$1,000
Belchertown Justice Collaborative	"Loud and Proud" (Working title)	$500
Pioneer Valley Symphony	"The Mystery of the Missing Music" - 2021 PVS Education Concert	$100
Cynde McInnis	Tails and Tales	$325
Belchertown Cultural Alliance	Walk of Reflection: Belchertown State School	$1,000
Katherine Anderson Benson	Walk of Reflection Book Walk	$500
Musical the Musical	Musical: the Musical	$250
Science & Engineering Education Development (SEED), Inc.	Fossil Science Kits for Young Patrons	$580
Applicant (continued)	**Project Title**	**Grant Amount**
Ora McKenna	Gratitude signs for the Commons	$400
Mary Jo Maichack	Aesop's Fables 3D Mini Puppet Theatre Craft and Virtual Hybrid	$480
The Valley Winds	High School Cadets	$500
Belchertown Recreation Dept.	Drive In Movie	$500
Valley Jazz Voices (VJV)	Valley Jazz Voices/Karrin Allyson Concert	$300
Tim Kane	All Together Drumming	$200
Steven Opalenik	The Promethean Project	$335
Kevin Sypek	Food Truck Festival	$250
Belchertown High School Writing Club	Literary Journal	$400
MUSIC Dance.edu	Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors!	$380
BCC	Coloring Book	$500

Local Programming: Due to the pandemic, we scaled back and/or canceled our two flagship events: Food Truck Fridays, and Winter Light Night. Events were adapted as much as possible to meet the needs of the community and social distancing guidelines.

Turley publication for Ludlow. Handouts were prepared for public outreach, and distributed while attending booths in preparation for Election Day, Town Meeting, and a Farmers Market, as well as working with the DPW in distributing informational flyers during Earth Day and Hazardous Waste Day activities. Initial discussions have begun with school officials regarding new building efficiency and sustainability considerations.

EV Charging has been researching and evaluating electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) and vendors to facilitate installation of EV charging stations, whether at public, private, or commercial locations. Information on installers and installment criteria, plus monitor and control software was gathered as well. Surveys and questionnaires were developed for consideration of various EVSE sites in town. Currently the subcommittee is working with the EDIC to consider integration of charging stations in their apartment complex development to meet future demand.

Green Grid looked into options to provide Belchertown residents and businesses with a cleaner sourced electricity supply, with the goal to maximize renewable energy content at a cost comparable or better than the utility (National Grid) basic service rate, providing both environmental and cost benefits. Municipal aggregation programs such as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Green Municipal Aggregation (GMA) programs have been used in surrounding towns and across Massachusetts to accomplish this. Information on municipal aggregation was gathered and communication pieces developed to inform the public in various ways in preparation to authorize the Select Board to pursue municipal aggregation for the Town through a vote at the Annual Town Meeting. A vote was taken on Article 17 addressing this, passing106 yes to 60 no. Several energy brokers experienced in municipal aggregation were vetted and two were chosen as potential candidates for further interviews by the entire committee. From that, a final evaluation was done to prepare for recommendations to be made to the Select Board in early January 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Byrne, Green Grid subcommittee
Joanne Collins, Education and Outreach subcommittee
Patricia Krebs, Committee Vice Chair and EV Charging subcommittee
Todd Perry, Education and Outreach subcommittee
John Piekara, Committee Chair and Green Grid subcommittee
Michael Potishnak, EV Charging subcommittee
Jacob Robinson, Clerk and Education and Outreach subcommittee

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown didn't get to celebrate its 163rd annual fair and parade scheduled for September due to Covid-19. Social distancing would make it difficult to achieve with the amusements and large number of people. The health of everyone involved was a factor in our decision to cancel.

Canceling the Fair made many of the committee members wanting to do something fair week. On the Wednesday of the Fair, we would give lunch to the DPW workers for all of the help they give us. With tables and chairs spaced apart, decorations, different large and party size pizzas, soft drinks and plates of cookies, everyone had a nice lunch.

The theme and dates for the 2022 fair will be determined at the first committee meeting in January, 2022.

The Fair Committee would like to thank the Select Board, Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall administration staff for all of their help. I also want to thank the Committee members and our volunteers for all they do.

Looking forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chair
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Food Truck Fridays: Food Truck Fridays returned to the common over the summer of 2021. The beloved event was scaled back from 2019 with only a handful of trucks on the third Friday of June, July, and August to allow for ample social distancing space. Local bands provided entertainment for all ages. We also hosted a Food Truck To Go in the spring with a single truck (drive-through style) prior to receiving approval from the town Select Board to expand the event over the summer.

Winter Light Night: To commemorate Small Business Saturday and the start of the holiday season, Winter Light Night is a time to "light up" the community. The day's activities included an Artisan Fair in Old Town Hall, s'mores, luminaria-making, hot chocolate, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Quabbin Art Association, 4-H, and Belchertown United Church of Christ contributed activities and resources to the event.

The tree lighting this year was in memory of Kevin Brown. Joined by Fair Committee and family members, the countdown to the lighting at dusk featured a dedication honoring his contributions to the community.

Development: BCC's local business partners donated approximately $6,000 in cash sponsorships, plus numerous in-kind donations. Combined with our $4,000 Town Meeting appropriation this allowed us to fund the operations of our flagship events, sponsor multiple online events during the pandemic (such as Trivia!) plus invest in branding and marketing for each event.

The Belchertown Cultural Council has quickly established itself as a cornerstone of community programming, and we look forward to continued growth. There are many ways we could increase our impact and we welcome input and contributions from the community. We are grateful for our volunteers, community partners, and local business partners, and everyone who participates in BCC programs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Anderson, Co-Chair
Nicole Carlson, Secretary
Jennifer Whitehead
Melanie Donovan
Melissa Mann, Co-Chair
Trista Hevey, Treasurer
Candace Clement

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Energy and Sustainability Committee, appointed in January 2021, is charged by the Select Board with developing and recommending sound energy and sustainability policies for the town. This means that the committee will help citizens in the areas of energy conservation, energy efficiency and alternative/renewable energy resources. This includes the committee informing the community about energy and sustainability and working with town, state and federal programs. In addition, the committee assists the Select Board in developing and administering programs which guard against the effects of climate change.

There are seven members on the committee, with Jim Barry as Select Board Liaison, as well as Steve Williams, Director DPW and Eric Lebeau, Director Schools, Buildings and Grounds as de-facto members.

The Committee identified three areas to focus on and formed three subcommittees to address them: Education and Outreach, EV Charging, and Belchertown Green Grid.

Education and Outreach developed the committee web page along with a QR code for that page.
Visit: https://www.belchertown.org/commitees/energy_and_sustainability/index.php.

Four articles were published in the Belchertown Sentinel, establishing the Committee as a Guest Column presence. The "Have A Merry Sustainable Holiday" article also appeared in The Register, which is the

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Belchertown Fire - Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's dedicated firefighting and emergency medical services personnel. Our commitment towards life safety and property protection is our primary goal. These Department services are fulfilled through the efforts of eighteen full-time staff, one part-time employee and twenty-three Call/Volunteer Firefighters.

The year 2021 brought forth a continuum of challenges as the Department navigated ongoing Covid-related concerns while simultaneously striving to improve our service levels, upgrade our department equipment and maintain the health and well-being of the Department members. We are grateful for the continued support given to our Department by the people of Belchertown as we seek to procure resources that will help us provide state of the art services to the community.

Consistently throughout the year, our Department performs on-going and continuous Emergency Management Plan Evaluations and Trainings with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association (M.E.M.A.). Our focus as we communicate and coordinate with this agency is to be confident that our resources are current, available and that all personnel have been adequately trained on all equipment and emergency plans. The ongoing Covid-19 health crisis places significant strain upon all residents and our Department. Ensuring the highest level of consistent communications relating to emergency management plans and execution thereof is paramount to the Town's overall well-being going forward.

Numerous vehicle and equipment upgrades have been made by the Department either by way of grant monies or via Town funds. The Department purchased an industry –leading $1.7 M Pierce 100' Aerial Tower Ladder Truck which will provide state of the art fire extinguishing capabilities. The Dept. was awarded an AFG grant (Assistant to Firefighters Grant) for upgrading equipment in the department. This grant award allowed for the purchase of a $428,571 Pierce Tanker which will serve the needs of the Department for another 25-30 years; 5% of this purchase price will be matched by the Town of Belchertown. The Select Board also approved of an immediate emergency procurement of a $376,298.99 Pierce ambulance. The ambulance purchase was due to a critical vehicle failure; a cracked frame, door and other issues were factors in the new vehicle acquisition. We were fortunate, also, to receive a donation of a Doty belt (an assistive device for use when moving a patient with the intent to provide back support to the individual moving the patient).This donation was graciously given to us by Christopher Heights Assisted Living Community to "show appreciation to the department and all of the Department's help provided to residents".

We are grateful for Town meeting support that has allowed for the purchase of radio equipment upgrades within the department. Acquiring the new radios ensures the integrity of critical communication improvements going forward.

Throughout the year, we strive to fortify relationships with all members of our growing community. In honor of National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 12 to Sept. 18, our Department, in conjunction with the Belchertown Police Department participated in an inter-generational event at Christopher Heights Assisted Living Community, 99 Front Street, for a Covid-safe outdoor event to bring together multiple generations; children, elders and representation from our First Responder Communities were present at this event.

As the newly appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Belchertown, I would like to thank Fire Chief Edward F. Bock for his years of dedicated service to the Belchertown Fire Department and the Town of Belchertown. I am greatly appreciative of his knowledge and assistance in my transition to the role of Belchertown Fire Chief. Collectively, I would also like to thank Lieutenant Nathan Shattuck, Lieutenant Thomas Cooke and Deputy Chief Darryn Beaudry for all of their dedicated years of service as Fire Department Call / Volunteer Firefighting members as they transition and retire from the Department and embark on new endeavors in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Ingram,
Fire Chief

Types of Fire and EMS Incidents Responded to by the Department:

Wildland fires, CO alarms, Hazardous spills, Faulty appliances, Sounding Alarms, investigations, mutual Aid and Ambulance responses accounted for our Department's total number of 2303 combined Fire and EMS incident calls. EMS Ambulance incident calls accounted for 1894 of the total 2021 incident call volume. There were 409 total Fire Incidents for 2021 and there were 254 additional ambulance incidents in the year 2021 versus the year 2020.

Increases in EMS and Fire –related incident calls continue to rise annually. With this said, we continue to require additional Fire / EMS personnel to meet the needs of all residents and staff our 24 hour shifts due to the increase in call volumes. The Department works diligently to try and locate funding resources (State Grants are an example) to help manage our needs for additional Fire / EMS personnel.

Inspections & Permits for Year 2021	
-Open Burning	1120
-Smoke Detector	243
-Oil Burner	75
-Propane Storage	112
-Underground Tank Removal	05
-Fuel Storage	04
-Blasting	**02**
Total	**1561**

BOARD OF HEALTH
AND
QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/ License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2021.

Private Drinking Well Permits:	34 (29 New Construction, 5 Replacements)
Septic Permits:	89 (36 New Construction, 53 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications:	60 (28 New Construction, 47 Repairs)

Bakery:	3
Body Artist Establishment:	0
Body Artist:	0
Catering:	1
Day Camp Permit:	0
Ecology Can Permits:	1
Food Establishment Permits:	29
Frozen Dessert License:	2
Funeral Director License:	1
Housing Inspection Voucher:	0
Limited Bottling Permit On-site Cider:	1
Limited Type II Food Establishment Permits:	12
Milk & Cream Licenses:	27
Mobil Food Truck Permits:	9
Mobil Home License:	1
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces Variance Permits:	0
Piggery License:	1
Public Beach Permit:	1
Public Pool Permit:	1
Public Spa Permit:	0
Residential Kitchen Permits:	6
Retail Food Permits:	8
Septic Hauler's Permits:	12
Septic Installer's Permits:	36
Tanning Unit Permits:	1
Temporary Food Permits:	6
Tobacco Retail Permits:	11
Food/Retail Review:	0

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual census and inspection of premises on which there are domestic livestock. The Animal Inspector visits barns and other facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. In addition to conducting a census of livestock in town, the Animal Inspector inspects the premises where the animals are kept to ensure they have adequate access to food, water, and shelter from weather, light and ventilation.

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2021, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Dog bites	15
Cat bites	3
Raccoon	1
Fox	1

Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 9

One dog, three cats, one fox, one bat and one raccoon, were tested at the State Laboratory for rabies. All tested negative except for the fox, which was positive for rabies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Flebotte,
Animal Inspector

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

2021 COVID 19 and ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

COVID-19

The first case of novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 known as COVID-19 was confirmed in Massachusetts on March 2, 2020. Since that time, the word pandemic became a common word in our collective vocabulary. As a novel virus, the first step of the health department was education of other town departments on what was known of the virus at that time - how it is transmitted and protective measures. We also performed an inventory of existing medical supplies such as masks, gloves, goggles, sanitizer, etc... in storage at the Boards of Health offices in the Town Hall. What was still usable was distributed to various at-risk Departments.

By the beginning of 2021, remote work was a very familiar environment for the employees of the Quabbin Health District. Having transitioned to almost completely in-person work for most of 2020, it was not a strain to continue that into 2021. It was in the spring of 2021 that the office staff started working in the building again, and by May the entire department was back to work in person full time.

The District also applied for and received funding for a $50,000 grant from the Massachusetts Public Health Trust. Funds were used for remote work equipment and communications, as well as for distribution of supplies for public protection. Mask, gloves and thermometers were prepared and given to the senior centers, food banks, and local opioid prevention groups. Essential departments were also provided with worker protection supplies, such as to the Town Clerks for voting and town meetings. The towns also eventually had access to their own funding from the CARES Act and later the American Recovery Plan Act.

The following table lists the major COVID-19 activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2021:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Confirmed Cases - tracked and monitored	1217	1300	40
Outbreaks and Clusters investigated	26	21	2
Total COVID Complaints	18	2	0
Repeated Complaints	5	1	0
Referrals from DLS	0	0	0
Enforcement Letters	2	1	0
Fines Issued	0	1	0
COVID Plan Reviews	27	7	1

Total: Activities District-wide: 2671

ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 27,448 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2020.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	75	29	11
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	36	12	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	53	27	4
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	86	27	4
Well Application Review	34	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	21	66	3
Lead Paint Inspections	0	0	0
Condemnations (#of units)	0	0	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	8	0
Housing Court Appearances	0	0	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint) - Including School Cafeterias	75	90	1
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	0	0	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	8	11	0
Beaver Permits Applications	3	2	1
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	5	22	3
Tanning Bed Licensure	1	0	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	0	0	0
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	N/A	1	N/A
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections, Public Beaches	2	0 Not opened	N/A
Meetings/ Hearings	12	8	2

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 744

The tremendous amount of work performed by the staff of the Quabbin Health District in this unprecedented year could not have been possible without the dedicated service of our employees. On top of the challenges of COVID-19, this was as difficult year for staffing changes. Our former health inspector left his position in March, which prompted a shift in Stephen Bell's roll from COVID-19 Compliance Officer to Health Inspector. Judy Metcalf, the former director of the district, retired from her position in April after 33 years of exemplary service. Her position was filled by Stephen Bell.

We hired a new health inspector, Sainath Palani, who almost single-handedly kept the routine inspection business of the Board of Health running from July 2021 forward. He continued to perform required food safety inspections, investigate tenant complaints and order repairs on rental housing units, perform perc tests, inspect septic installation, etc…

We also added, for the first time in the District's history, a full-time Public Health Nurse to cover all three towns. Amy Langone, a former operating room nurse, took this position in July 2021, and had her hands full from the start with COVID-19 case investigations.

Administrative Assistant Betty Barlow and Senior Clerk Mary Grenier provided instrumental clerical support to us all, whether in our normal duties or pandemic response. They did the work admirably despite working remotely at times with new equipment, while learning new programs, and procedures.

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. The Health Director, Inspector, and nurse work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would also like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support

Sincerely,

Stephen Bell, MPH - Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Quabbin Health District Public Health Nurse
and
2021 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Quabbin Health District Office as suspected, confirmed, contact, probable, or revoked in 2021.

	Total event count by disease		
Diseases Year 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021	**Belchertown**	**Pelham**	**Ware**
Babesiosis	4	3	2
Campylobacteriosis	1	0	2
Giardiasis	0	1	0
Hepatitis B	2	0	1
Hepatitis C	6	1	15
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	7	3	1
Influenza	9	0	2
Lyme Disease	49	8	31
Melioidosis	0	1	0
Mumps	0	0	1
Novel Coronavirus	1987	76	1787
Pertussis (and other Bordetella species)	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	0	0
Salmonellosis	1	0	1
Tuberculosis	12	1	5
Varicella	1	0	0
Viral Meningitis (aseptic)	0	0	1
West Nile Infection	2	0	0

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The cases listed above are those which have been received and investigated by the Board of Health office to the best of our ability. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by the newly created position of the Quabbin Health District Nurse.

I continue to work under the direction of the Quabbin Health District and Dr. Scott Siege, BMP. In 2021 all Standing Orders were reviewed, updated as needed and signed by Dr. Siege, allowing assurance that the Public Health Nurse is able to provide needed services for our residents. I continue to work with Reed Sherrill in the Office of Integrated Surveillance and Informatics for the Department of Public Health in Boston, MA on the use of the MAVEN system which we use to monitor all communicable infectious diseases throughout our community. I routinely confirm, monitor, assess, and follow up with health care providers, DPH, local epidemiologists, and residents who contracted various infectious diseases in our towns in order to prevent spread, educate, and ensure safety for all residents.

Sincerely,
Amy Langone, RN

HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year there were several applications filed for proposed work within the Historic District.

There were no "Certificates of Non-Applicability" issued in 2021.

There were 3 "Certificates of Appropriateness" issued in 2020.

- 16 Maple St for the removal and replacement of windows with Anderson Woodwright windows
- 40 South Main St for the replacement of windows with Pella architect Series windows.
- 29 Main St for the removal and replacement of windows.

There was no "Certificate of Hardship" issued in 2021.

Other business conducted by the HDBLC in 2021:

- There is an application for Certificate of Appropriateness from 10 South Main Street started in 2021 with a continuation hearing scheduled for some time in 2022. The application is to convert existing barn/garage into two apartments.
- The Historic District By-Law Commission wrote a letter of support for a project by the Belchertown Justice Collaborative in collaboration with the Belchertown Cultural Council for an Electrical Box Mural Project. The project was completed and the electrical box in the center of town across the street from the town hall was painted with a picture of the library and butterflies.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chair
Sharon Burdick
Irene Mariettos
Kristy Reese
Craig Schumacher
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members:

Jill Bierly, Clerk	Patrick Bierly, Chairman	John Belding
Alexander Loss	Bruce Klockers	Kevin Lynn
Angela Bergeron-Alexander		

The past year has seen the Historical Commission working on a couple of areas of interest in preserving our town's history. One of the larger community outreach plans was dependent on the Fair taking place. The Commission planned on celebrating the development of apple agronomy and industry in our town. The Commission would like to thank Phoenix Fruit Farms for working with us on our booth, in this regard. Unfortunately, this will have to wait until the Fair can again proceed. We are also participating with other groups in town and the Patrick Center Reuse Committee to determine the use for the former Patrick Center land and the walled structure on the land including the possible development of an historic sensory garden.

The Commission continues to mourn the passing of long time member Judith Gillan in 2021. Judy was, for many years, a very active voice on our Commission, other town entities, and our community as a whole.

The Historical Commission is also actively seeking potential commissioners to join our historical preservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Bierly, Chair
Historical Commission

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority (BHA) consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 16 family housing apartments, and 2 group homes leased to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) The Housing Authority is managed by the Amherst Housing Authority via a Management Agreement Contract. The Executive Director of the Amherst Housing Authority is the managing agent who deals with the day-to-day operations of the authority and works in conjunction with the Belchertown Board of Commissioners who retain control of the agency and govern the finances and policies implemented locally. BHA follows regulations and guidelines of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Housing and Community Development. There are no federal housing programs available through BHA, only state housing programs.

All vacancies are filled with applicants who have applied via the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP) https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/ Applications are chosen on a first come first serve basis with preferences and priorities allowing applicants to move further up the list. An example of a preference would be a local resident or a Veteran.

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Ave. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, one bedroom and one bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There are no elevators. The office building contains a coin operated laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electricity, and trash pick-up are included in the rent. There is onsite maintenance and a 24-hour manned answering service available for emergencies.

The family housing duplexes are located on State St., George Hannum Rd., and East Walnut St. Off street parking is available. The authority has two units that are ADA compliant with handicap access; one 2-bedroom unit and one 3-bedroom unit. Trash pickup is included in the monthly rent.

Rents for all units are determined based upon a household's gross annual income. Family tenants rent are at 27% of their gross annual income with the tenants paying their own utilities. Elderly/disabled residents pay 30% of their gross annual income with utilities for heat and hot water included.

The housing authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave., Office 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please call 413.256.0206 to speak with the property manager or to schedule an appointment as we are sometimes out of the office during normal hours of operation due to inspections, apartment showings, housing court or the bank.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Ciosek, Chairperson
Nancy Delgado-Bachman, Member/Community Preservation Committee Representative
Judy O'Kulsky, Treasurer
Brian Rooney, Member
Pamela J Rogers, Executive Director

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEPARTMENT

This past year continued to be an exercise in adaptability. The IT Department continued to support departments and committees with the tools needed to do their jobs. We saw a transition from online meetings to in person meetings to hybrid meetings, Employees transition from work at home to in person to something in between, and a general increase in the need to access resources anywhere, anytime. All of these presented challenges from a support, security, logistic, and communications perspective.

We continued to work with departments to identify ways in which we could help improve efficiency with technology, and helped to implemented solutions. In many cases we have saved both time and money for the town.

This year saw increased need to learn about and work to improve our cyber-security stance. We have implemented new tools and in house procedures and policies to be better protected and to stay vigilant against the seemingly endless threats that are increasingly present. To the credit of our users, we did not have any cyber-security related incidents this year.

The IT Department continued to maintain and update the infrastructure required to keep everything working. We have continued to expand our 10 gigabit backbone to additional buildings, expand our wireless capabilities, and work towards a more diverse disaster recovery plan. We are continuing to work towards improving our on-line presence including expanding availability of on-line permitting.

Thank you,

Kevin Hannon
Director of IT

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued forty one (41) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised thirty two (32) single family homes, eight (8) condos and one Duplex (1).

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1885.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector with Charles Lydon serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and David Sedelow and Richard Rosazza are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

LAKES COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2021, the Committee has met 5 times. The Committee has been working with Tri-Lakes Association, Town Departments and residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's waterbodies. Belchertown can be proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all lakes over the last 10 to 20 years. Data for the Tri-Lakes area has consistently shown a continued increase in water quality and a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation!

During the season of 2021, the Belchertown Lake Committee has been working with AER, (Aquatic Ecosystem Research) to make recommendations for long term management for all three lakes. The Tri-Lakes are ecologically unique assets to the local and larger populations of Massachusetts. There are recreational, ecological, and aesthetic values inherent to these Great Pond resources. Conservation through prudent management planning is the most effective way to ensure that these resources are available to residents for many years to come. Management must be based on sound scientific data. This monitoring initiative to the existing suite of management activities are necessary to track environmental stressors that threaten the Tri-Lakes system.

Three distinct stressors have historically threatened the Tri-Lakes system. First is the presence of the non-native aquatic plant species C. caroliniana and M. heterophyllum. These species can have broad ecological impacts including alteration of the ecosystem processes, diminishment of species-specific habitats, increased internal nutrient loading, and decreased aquatic macrophyte diversity. Stormwater runoff is the second stressor. Belchertown has initiated a Stormwater Bylaw, throughout the Town and this will help to reduce and regulate roadway runoff into the Tri-lakes area. The third stressor is residential development. This area is a very desirable location. Summer homes are being developed into year-round residences. This development places increase demands on limited resources. It is imperative that residential development is conducted in strict compliance with Town and State regulations.

The Lake Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2022 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chair
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chair
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Gallagher
John Soja

LAMPSON BROOK FARM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Summary of Activities for Calendar 2021

The Lampson Brook Farm Board of Directors was formed in Chapter 355 of the Acts of 2020 which was signed into law on January 13, 2021. This law, sponsored by Senator Eric Lesser, creates a path for the permanent conservation and stewardship of this remarkable 430-acre farm, currently under state ownership. The farm has been under a lease to the New England Small Farm Institute since 2003. This lease ends in 2023. The Board is created in the law initially with three members from the Town of Belchertown (Conservation and Agricultural Commissions and Economic Development and Industrial Corporation) and three members from state government (Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Agricultural) (see the Board's web site for past minutes and agendas: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/lampson-brook-farm-board-of-directors).

The Board is responsible for coordinating a management plan, a survey plan and request for responses (RFR) for the three of the five parcels that make up the 430-acre Lampson Brook Farm. The RFR's are meant to solicit proposals for future ownership and stewardship (as envisioned in the management plan) of the former dairy farm site (Enterprise Zone), the forest parcel and the community farm parcel. The law directs the historic Jepson Farmstead parcel be conveyed to the New England Small Farm Institute and the commercial farm parcel to the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Since its first meeting in April, 2021, the Board has had twelve Board meetings. With the support of funding from EEA, Conservation Works LLC (CW) has been hired to complete the management plan. In coordination with the Board, CW has held two public meetings and done extensive site analysis and interviewed many people with knowledge about the farm. With its partners at UMass Amherst, CW has examined possible compatible and viable uses of the Enterprise parcel. The Board with the assistance of CW has also been working with Sherman and Frydryk, a Division of Hancock Associates to complete a boundary survey of the 5 parcels of the farm. The Board has also been working with the Belchertown Planning Department on a draft zoning overlay for the Enterprise parcel to assure compatible agricultural related business use on this parcel. In late January, 2022, EEA hired Weston and Sampson to conduct a "21E" assessment of facilities at the Farm and an estimate of the cost of demolition and stabilization of structures at the farm. In 2022, the Board hopes to complete the management plan, survey plan, 21E and demolition/stabilization cost estimate and prepare RFR's for the three parcels and work with state government to facilitate the transfer of the parcels at Lampson Brook Farm to owners for its permanent conservation and stewardship.

Respectfully,

Robert O'Connor, Chair
David Haines
Jonathan Spiegel
Tammy Ryan
Gerard Kennedy, MDAR Representative

MEMORIAL COMMITEE

During 2021, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a range of recreational opportunities while maintaining state guidelines regarding safety to meet the social developmental needs of the citizens of Belchertown. We again offer our summer drive-in movie nights, drive-by holiday lighting contest and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. As pickleball continues to grow in popularity, our outdoor pickleball courts located behind Jabish Brook Middle School, are constantly utilized. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches, program instructors and the dedication of our staff, many of our programs have returned and we have been able to provide basketball, baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer, baton twirling, yoga, tai chi, Zumba, horseback riding and jujitsu, summer days & flag football to name a few. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

Our Town Beach is again open to the public after a year of closure and we welcome back many familiar faces along with new patrons. We continue to improve the beach landscape and parking area.

With the efforts of continued refurbishing to our community indoor pool, we are able to offer such programs including Stingray's Swim Team, swim lessons, exercise classes, along with private rentals and public lap swim. Updates to the pool heating system continue to be improved upon and we look forward to offering additional programs in the near future.

The Belchertown Recreation Center along with the Old Town Hall are utilized for various programming and has re-opened to the public for rental. The Center is a popular place to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings, while the Old Town Hall can be rented for pickup basketball as well as children's parties.

As always we greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Dept. of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our online system at www.belchertownrec.com.

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board met once during 2021. The meeting occurred on June 9, 2021. Board members present at said meeting were Katharine Higgins-Shea, Colleen Toothill-Berte, and Alyssa Mandeville.

The following miscellaneous actions were considered at said meeting:

a. Request to include Juneteenth as Holiday as defined by By-Laws Section 91-6.
b. Request for Classification of new position- Stormwater Coordinator and Assistant Conservation Administrator
c. Request for Classification of new position- Human Resources Director

Action taken:

a. The Board approved request to include Juneteenth as a Holiday as defined by By-Laws Section 91-6.
b. The Board classified the Stormwater Coordinator and Assistant Conservation Administrator position as a Grade 8.
c. The Board took no action on the request for classification of a new position of Human Resources Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Higgins-Shea,
Personnel Board Chair

PLANNING BOARD

Much of the year's efforts were focused on economic development to support our residents and businesses who have been hurt by the COVID disruptions, to increase opportunity for residents, and to improve our non-residential tax base. There have been several grants through which we've funded this work – some grants are available because of special COVID-related Federal and State programs, and others made use of existing grant programs.

One state grant we used is the Rapid Recovery Plan, which provided $60,000 worth of consulting from a subject matter expert. Through this program, local businesses were interviewed and the plan resulted in two main recommendations: Develop a business engagement incentive program, and increase the town's internal staff capacity to support economic activities. This corresponds to the Economic Development plan developed last year. The result of these two plans' recommendations is that the Select Board with full support of the Planning Board will use grant money to hire economic development coordinator. That position will emphasize outreach to businesses and develop appropriate support programs.

Another finding of our economic development planning is that agriculture and outdoor recreation are two of the largest components of the town's economy. The Planning Department has supported and participated in the revision of the conservation commission's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Planning Department is also drafting zoning for the Lampson Brook Farm that will provide for many agricultural-related uses beyond crops; this will be the Agricultural Value-Added zone. Another agricultural effort was to identify farmland of local importance, which is a designation beyond what the soils typically identify as prime agricultural land. The difference is that the formal Farmland of Local Importance program identifies land that is currently and has historically been used for some sort of agriculture regardless of soil quality. This emphasizes the importance of maintaining such uses as orchards and pastures.

A continued effort of the Planning Department includes supporting the conservation department on two Community Health Inclusion Index grants. One identified ways to improve accessibility at the Meadows Conservation Area off Catherine Drive. This resulted in signs being made in both English and Spanish with Braille components; the second grant will be implemented in 2022 and will provide greater accessibility for people with mobility concerns.

The first phase of the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail is complete. This trail is a fully accessible path from State Street to Foley Field, and it includes educational, historical, and natural interpretive elements. The path is to be integrated with the Carriage Grove (the former Belchertown State School) sidewalks. We were awarded two substantial grants to continue this project along the south end of Lake Wallace and into Foley Field. Engineering is to proceed over the winter with work on the ground being done through the year. This has been a full community effort, first through the many donations made by residents and businesses, and through two Community Preservation grants. This project has not cost any money from the town budget, which continues to be a main goal.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and then recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twenty-two new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. Numerous other ANR plans submitted simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET	# New Lots	STREET	# New Lots
Shea Avenue	6	Granby Road	1
North Washington Street	3	Kimball Street	1
State Street	3	Ludlow Road	1
Franklin Street	2	North Gulf Road	1
Aldrich Street	1	South Washington Street	1
Allen Road	1		
Eskett Street	1	**Total Lots**	**22**

The Planning Board monitored nine subdivisions under construction during 2021. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions. There was one application for a subdivision under review at the year's end.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board approved three site plans. The board also granted a special permit and site plan approval for a commercial solar project, and for the town's first farm brewery. One earth removal special permit was extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Select Board, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Revisions to the common drive section of the zoning bylaw were adopted at the 2021 annual town meeting. Zoning recommendations being worked on for the 2022 annual town meeting include a change to the accessory apartment bylaw, creation of the Agricultural Value-Added zone, definitions of Dog Day Care and Commercial Kennel, and possible improvements to the commercial solar photovoltaic installation bylaw.

The Community Plan, which is the town's master plan, is being revised gradually by finding grants for the work. This past year the Planning Board adopted the Economic Development component, and added a new component, the Age- and Dementia-Friendly plan of the Council on Aging. This new component is consistent with the board's emphasis on improving accessibility and resources for all the town's residents, and anticipates an increase in older residents.

Grants Received

The Planning Department was awarded two grants to further work on the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail: a Housing Choice grant for $250,000 and a MassTrails grant of $44,000. Other grants are for a $43,000 Planning Assistance grant for climate adaptation and resiliency, $4,850 for net zero municipal operations scoping, and $2,900 for a greenhouse gas emissions inventory.

Other Work of the Planning Department

Continuous activities of the planning office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Select Board on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and to MassDevelopment on Carriage Grove redevelopment.

The Town Planner serves on the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's executive committee; and is the town's representative on the Quaboag Region Coordinating Council.

The Town Planner manages the planning office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to support small business development. The Town Planner represents Belchertown on the chamber's economic development committee. The Town Planner also is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee, and on several advisory committees.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership in 2021 was as follows:

-Elizabeth Pols (term expires: 2022)
-James Natle (term expires: 2023);
-Justin Rosienski, Clerk; Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2024);
-Michael Hofler, Vice Chair, Community Preservation Committee liaison, single signature authority (term expires: 2025);
-Daniel Beaudette, Chair (term expires: 2026);
-Wendy Goulet, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (Appointed annually).

Past members during the year:
Alice Knittel, (Resigned in June)

Staff

Lynn Sikes is the Planning Board Secretary.
Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson,
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The past year continued to be a challenging one. With the continuation of the pandemic and the mandated requirements of the new Police Reform Legislation, the Department has been extremely busy navigating unknown waters.

Fortunately, our department is one of the few accredited police departments in Western Mass. This has been extremely helpful as the Department strives to make all of the changes necessary to comply with the new reform law. Some of the most difficult aspects of the changes have been policy and procedure modifications; increased officer training; and the elimination of part time police officers. Many changes will continue to take place throughout the next year.

To the best of our abilities, while maintaining necessary safety precautions, we've continued to engage in as many community policing programs and activities as possible. This included DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team) and BHN (Behavioral Health Network) follow-up visits and programming. Our grant-funded department civilian victim advocate for victims of domestic and sexual violence was also able to return to full access.

Personnel changes during the year included the departures of Dispatchers Joshua Orrell and Mariya Primakov; and Officers John Raymer and Steven Henn. New employees consisted of Iain Knight as a Dispatcher; and Andrew Hulse, Caleb Gonsalves, and Draine Colon Rivera as Police Officers.

The Department received the following grant funding:

- $92,256 for emergency dispatch training & salaries
- $14,000 for personal protective equipment
- $14,820 for traffic enforcement
- $ 9,550 for DART (Drug Addiction Recovery Team) outreach

The Police Department responded to 16,074 calls for service, resulting in 188 people arrested or summoned to court on criminal offenses, and 627 incident reports completed. There were 219 motor vehicle crashes investigated and 630 citations issued.

The following lists a selected number of incidents investigated and reports completed, and/or criminal charges brought forward:

Abuse Prevention Order Violation	21	Assault /Assault & Battery	34
Aggravated Assault	13	Assist Fire/EMS	14
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	1	Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	20
Child Pornography	2	Counterfeiting/Forgery	3
Destruction of Property	43	Disorderly Conduct	2
Disturbance	58	Drug Offenses	11
Domestic Assault & Battery	37	DUI Drugs/Alcohol	13
Gun Law Violations	3	Harassment/Threats	13
Identity Theft/Impersonation	98	Intimidation	15
Juvenile Issues	19	K-9 Deployments	31
Larceny of Property	87	Liquor Law Violations	10
Medical/Mental	71	Missing Persons	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	Negligent Vehicle Operation	11
Protective Custody	2	Sexual Assault	5
Sexual Assault/Rape Child	3	Sudden Death	24
Trespassing	2	Warrant Arrests	26

On behalf of the entire Police Department and Emergency Communication's Center, thank you to those who have supported and assisted us this past year.

Respectfully,

Christopher G. Pronovost
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

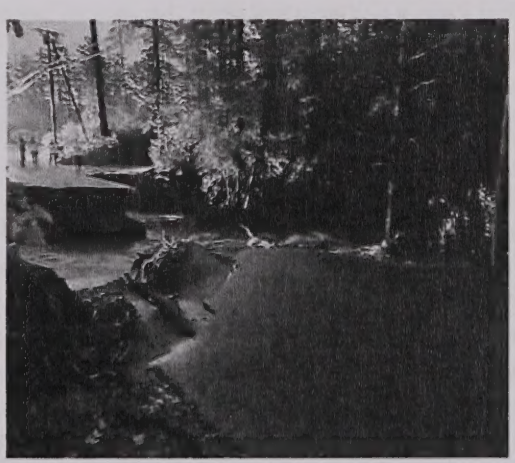
The Department of Public Works somehow always manages to overcome the many challenges placed upon us annually and this year was no exception. This department suffered the unexpected collapses of two town roads and the budgetary impacts left in their wake. Additionally, we tackled repairs to aging town buildings and continued our efforts tending to the declining state of our town tree population all while adhereing to the impacts of Covid-19. The following report will attempt to outline a variety of projects we additionally conquered throughout the year, both announced and unnanounced.

This winter appeared to mirror prior years with a slightly warmer-than-usual start. January was mild with only a few quick graupel events closing out the month. However, February's back to back storm events on the 2nd, 7th & 9th stacked 20.25" of snow followed by a mid-month arctic blast that plummeted us into a deep freeze. March followed with a few squalls and gale winds but otherwise we were on our way to rising temperatures and winter thaw. Overall, this winter produced 19 storm events totalling 44.00" of snowfall somewhat comparable to last year's 17 storms/42.50" (2020).

Although Old Man Winter appeared to have lessened his grip on the northeast; Mother Nature was not so kind as was demonstrated by this years greater than usual rainfall events that caused storm water to fill natural storage areas to capacity. In July, a record 11.9" of rainfall over a two week span led to excessive water overtopping dams, culverts and roadways. As a result, both Gulf Road and East Street succombed to heavy waters and had to be closed.

After several months of difficult onsite repairs, the sevérely degraded and collapsed roads were rebuilt and reopened for travel. The DPW crew is to be commended for their skills, endless hours of hard work and diligence towards the restoration of both roads in a short period of time.

Gulf Road Collapse
May 28, 2021 - October 15, 2021



East Street Collapse
July 18, 2021 - November 1, 2021

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION:

Maple /State Street – Construction resumed in early March and achieved 100% completion in mid-October. The newly designed corridor received new bituminous paving, curbing and sidewalks on the north end of the project. The triangle intersecting Route 202 and Route 21 was also re-designed and equipped with overhead signal lighting, pedestrian crosswalks and painted directional signals were added to aid the flow of traffic.

North Main-Main Street Corridor Improvement Project – Progress has continued since initial project redevelopment phasing began in August, 2020. This projects one mile corridor re-design is to include new and reconstructed sidewalks, travel lane narrowing, shoulder widening, on-street parking, bicycle and recreational accommodations, and safety improvements including signage and line striping. As with all MassDOT projects, once 100% design phase has been met construction will begin which we anticipate may occur in year 2025-2026.

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITION/S: Covid-19 restricted developers and surveyors from finalizing their projects; there were no town acceptances this year.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Annually, this Department reviews all Stormwater Management applications thus completing 30 applications in 2021. Our annual MS4/Stormwater Compliance Training, hosted by Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., was held on July 30, 2021 in the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall auditorium in order to adhere to continued pandemic protocols.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: This department was challenged by a shortage of seasonal manpower this year yet collectively this division continued to provide maintenance to all town buildings, take care of 200+ acres of grounds/open space including recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. This division spent most of their time performing a wide variety of routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, field preparations, annual cemetery cleaning, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal/holiday decorations. In addition, due to the excessive rainfall this season mowing was conducted every week for 28 weeks straight.

They also completed an impressive list of time consuming projects (listed below), that requires the proper training and knowledge to perform.

- Assisted Police Department with the annual hanging of Veteran Banners
- Set up for Food Truck Thursdays/Fridays.
- Replaced all rotted wood on Fire Department sign.
- Insulated and ply wooded inside of WWTP walls.
- Thatched, aerated and over seeded all fields.
- Helped with the new roof on Old Town Hall.
- Replaced Electric Panel and upgraded with WIFI at new basketball courts at CHCS.
- Installed a new electric panel and outlets at Jessica's playground.
- Cut back brush back on first base lines at Austin and Parson's field.
- Trimmed and pruned tree's at Whitlock Way.
- Replaced all sprinkler heads at Recreation Center and Freedom Center.
- Cut down many dead trees in South Cemetery.
- Cut fields and trail:, Blue Dot Trail, Piper Farm Trail, Bay Road fields, Read Property and Topping farm.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadside were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2021, the Department conducted a total of 36 burials consisting of 12 earthen and 24 cremations. In addition, 26 Deeds were issued and 2 lots were transferred amongst private owners. Other activities included archiving Deeds, lot transfers and sales, burials, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repairs. The Cemetery Division archives all deceased and burial certificates for long-term preservation. Along with aiding genealogical researchers we also process military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure those who died in military service are properly recognized.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (CPA) Applications: The DPW was awarded CPA Funding for the following projects:

- Electrical at the Pavilion at Jessica's Boundless Playground: $13,000 - Completed
- Old Town Hall Roofing & Chimney Restoration: $75,510 - Completed
- Chestnut Hill Central Recreation Complex Basketball Courts: $109,090.00 - Ongoing

EARTH DAY: Earth Day was celebrated on Thursday, April 22, 2021. The DPW purchased new 100% compostable and biodegradable green trash bags for this year's event. This year a total of 610 bags were provided to 26 residents, Boy Scout Troops and 4H groups who collected curbside trash from 36 streets. The Department wishes to thank everyone who participated in this annual event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS - 2021

Project	Start Date	Awarded Vendor	Project Revenue/ Acreage	Status
Corr-Welch Lot	Oct., 2019	Leclerc & Son Timber Logging	$8275.90/50acres	Completed; June, 2021
BEDIC Lot	Feb., 2020	Leclerc & Son Timber Logging	$16,067.00/30 acres	Completed; June 2021

GREEN COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT: The Department has now completed its twelfth year of reporting since its Green Communities designation in May, 2010. (FY'09). Our Annual Green Community Report was submitted on November 5, 2021 to the MassDOER. This highly statistical and lengthy report provides the necessary data in order for the town to maintain its Green Community status and to further qualify for Green Community Competitive Grants.

GRANTS –

Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistant Grant - $92,000 - This award is to be utilized towards field data collection, design and engineering costs to replace the culvert on Warren Wright Road.

MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program - $4,900 –This award is a result of our annual participation in the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) which awards grants based on a point system to municipalities that have proven policies to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction efforts and adherence to a municipal Buy Recycle Policy which requires all town offices to purchase office paper/ products with a recycled content of up to 30% or the maximum extent possible.

META GRANT - $12,500: The DPW's portion of this project ($4000) moved forward in February, 2021 as we engaged the services of Bowman Engineering to conduct and an ASHRAE Level 2 Building Energy Audit for the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall. Unfortunately, this audit did not produce any worthy energy upgrades.

In addition, we additionally engaged and paid for the services of Bowman Engineering to conduct an HVAC Energy Audit for the Police Station. Alike the audit for the Town Hall, there were proposed project opportunities for future consideration, but it was noted the yearly payback on the suggested ECM's were not viable. The Department of Public Works continues to spearhead clean energy projects in town buildings.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: This year's event was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9am-12noon, at the DPW Highway Garage and was assisted by hazmat vendor Clean Harbors from Ct. There were 117 vehicles in attendance who provided 852 lbs/gals of hazardous waste comprising of the following: 3lbs/3gals =69 vehicles, 10lbs/10gals=37 vehicles and 25lbs/25gals -11 vehicles. In addition, this reciprocal event is open to neighboring cities/towns due to our participation in the Pioneer Valley Reciprocal HHW Collections Program, we were able to assist 2 residents from Amherst and 2 residents from South Hadley for their proper disposal. The list of host communities is posted on the DPW website www.belchertown.org annually.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year with organizing departmental training in several topics to include: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walkthrough of the DPW buildings to ensure safe work practices and improvements were to be implemented and maintained.

FLEET MANAGEMENT:

New Vehicles & Equipment	Surplus Vehicle
1- 2020-Volvo Excavator/wheeled	1-2000 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van (DPW)
	1-2001 Chevrolet Tahoe (Fire)
	1-2003 Chevrolet Silverado Pu Truck (Recreation)

HIGHWAY DIVISION: In between inclement weather this division tackled many areas of work to include pothole repairs, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting, repairing equipment, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides and cleaned 1127 catch basins. Our roads remained well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of the year. During 2020-2021 snow season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $4918.3 approximately 14% lower than 2019-2020 season (FY20/$5598.26). The total cost for the season was $216,405.14.

This Division is responsible for the preparations of all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work.

2021 Roadway Resurfacing & Reconstruction Projects

Resurfacing

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.	Cost (w/escalation)
Green Avenue	6300	20	$36,158.39
Sylvan Circle	1340	24.5	$14,285.34
Rural Street	3530	19.5	$27,139.53
Goodell Street	4200	19.5	$30,238.69
Eagle Heights	975	24	$10.719.80
Sheffield Drive	1550	24	$33,722.77
Ludlow Street	5988	20	$138,303.00
Gulf Road	1900	20	$ 22,687.71

Totals: 8 Streets, Total Length: 25,783, Total Cost: $313,255.23

Crack Sealing:

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.
Hamilton Street	4590	22
Munsell Street	2900	22
Cold Spring Street	2690	22
Barton Avenue	3500	24
Green Avenue	2700	20
Ludlow Street	1760	22

Total: 6 Streets/: Total Length: 18,140, Total Cost: $ 38,445.81

Totals: 14 Streets, Total Length: 43,923ft., Total Cost: $351,701.04

TRANSFER STATION: All aspects of the towns' waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and/or failure to use the town's orange recyclable trash bags are identified and promptly notified. The Annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website by accessing the www.belchertown.org.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1870 (FY'21). Permit stickers were obtained via a combination of onsite sales, town offices and regular mail options. The costs for the Transfer Station Permit Stickers remained at $120.00 annually and for senior citizens age 65+ at $100.00. Likewise, orange trash bag fees remained at $25.00 for size large (10 per bundle) whereas small bags remained at $15.00 for size small bags (10 per bundle). Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores as well as the DPW, Finnerty House and the Transfer Station for resident convenience. Participation varies slightly from year to year for those who desire to use our disposal/recycling program.

The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2021:

Recyclable	*Per Unit(s)*	*Year 2020*	*Year 2021*
Recyclables	Tons	445.16	655.96
Waste Oil	Gallon	1800	1000
Tires	Single	397s	548s
Solid Waste	Tons	1095.84	824.33
Electronics	Tons	26.18	14.52
Scrap Steel	Tons	105.54	83.91
Textile	Tons	4.6	5.08

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 145,049,000 gallons of wastewater; 11.56 million gallons more than in 2020 which was 133,480,000 gallons. They also acquired 17 new service connections; of which 4 were within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 13 were in the Central Sewer System. This brings the total number of customers served to1884 equivalent dwelling units (EDU's). The WWTP Staff were busy working on facility operations and improvements including employee training, equipment repairs, electrical wire installation and safety improvements in addition to facility floor coating, sludge tank cover replacement and concrete repairs.

The Staff also worked on sewerage pumping station repairs to include pump drywell and wet well coating repairs, pump replacement and stations' level and alarm controller repairs. Other sewerage collection system work completed during 2021 included video inspections of trouble areas, and cleaning of 5000 feet of sewers. Other sewer work included easement cutting, and sewer structure inspections.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: As with every year, the Towns Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2021, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 316 trees consisting of mostly Oak, Ash, and Maples. As of this report, there are 445 trees that need to be removed with an estimate of $500,000 in funding needed in order to complete this task. All of these trees were damaged caused by weather, rot, or infestation of various nature.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: This year we bid farewell to three employees who entered into retirement: Maintenance Division Foreman - Dave Clegg, Sr.; Custodian - Karl Jensen; and Heavy Equipment Operator II - Denis Lessard. We are appreciative of their combined 50+ years of dedicated service to this departemnt and wish them the best of luck. The Department of Public Works is a combined team of dedicated employees and I wish to extend my personal thanks to all DPW employees for making year 2021 a success on many levels and I look forward to a safe and prosperous new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams,
Director of Public Works

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually, when there are available funds, to Belchertown residents in pursuit of higher education and for the purpose of providing financial aid towards the costs of college tuition, books, fees, etc. Applicants may be graduates of Belchertown High School, Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School, or a home-school program.

In 2021, the committee awarded three scholarships in the amount of $1,500 each. This represents an increase from 2020, when two scholarships were awarded for $1,000 each.

In addition, the Committee continued its trek towards community outreach via the use of informational flyers inserted into the town's quarterly tax billing cycles through the aid of the Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office. These inserts provide guidance on how individuals can contribute to the fund in several ways. The Committee wishes to thank everyone for their continued and generous support. The existing scholarship fund balance as of December 31, 2021 was $20,222.51.

The Belchertown Scholarship Fund accepts contributions in any denomination in c/o: the Town of Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office or by adding any amount to your quarterly tax bill payment. Contributions can also be made by accessing the town's website at www.belchertown.org. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, check donations can be placed into the drop-box located outside of the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall, back entrance.

The Scholarship Committee remains grateful for the continued support provided by everyone behind the scenes as well as the generous and continued support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kopulos, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Members:

Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Regional Rep.
Brian Cameron, Superintendent of Schools, Rep.
Donna Lusignan, Member
Ruby Bansal, School Committee Rep.
Wesley Dunham, Member

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools: The 2021 year continued to be a very busy year for the Belchertown Public Schools due to COVID-19. In January 2021, students took part in both hybrid learning and in-person learning 5 days per week. It was great seeing students and staff return to fully in-person learning in the spring.

Although our time frames were modified, we continued to focus on the district's five-year strategic plan. The five strategic objectives are: optimize SEL outcomes for all students, optimize learning outcomes for all students, strengthen and leverage positive relationships with and among students, staff, parents/guardians, and community, decrease chronic absenteeism and negative student behaviors related to disruption, disrespect, refusal and safety, and establish a long-term commitment to supporting mental health, technology, facilities, and professional development. I invite you to view the **B**elchertown **P**ublic **S**chool web page at www.belchertownps.org. The website features information about the District's Strategic Plan, the School Committee, and our five schools: Cold Spring Early Childhood Center for Preschool and Kindergarten, Swift River Elementary School grades 1-3, Chestnut Hill Community School grades 4-6, Jabish Brook Middle School grades 7 and 8, and Belchertown High School grades 9-12.

A number of training sessions for the implementation of our Drug-Free Community Grant - which brought $125,000 per year for the next five years to the Town of Belchertown, took place. The Belchertown Public Schools and the Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT) task force collaborated to strengthen local capacity for prevention and to reduce teen substance use in the town of Belchertown. We welcomed Kristen Hoag, as the Program Director/Project Coordinator for the Belchertown Drug Free Community (DFC) Grant and Cara Caron, Community Engagement Coordinator, and formed Belchertown Understanding Obstacles in Youth (BUOY) in the district.

The District was notified that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Board of Directors voted to invite the Statement of Interest for the Jabish Brook Middle School into the MSBA's Eligibility Period. The 270-day Eligibility Period formalizes the beginning of the MSBA's grant approval process and benefits the Town by providing a definitive schedule for the completion of preliminary requirements, assisting with the determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of the Eligibility Period will allow the Town to be eligible for an invitation to Feasibility Study for the possibility of a new middle school.

This fall, we welcomed all students from grades PreK-12 back to their schools. The District held a number of vaccine clinics so parents/guardians could choose to get their child vaccinated in line with FDA and CDC recommendations helping limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community and helping keep students and staff in school.

I encourage you to read each of the following school department's contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of educating the students in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Cameron, Superintendent of Schools

Finance & Operations: The Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) school district budget was approved at the June Town Meeting in the amount of $30,509,793, which was an increase of $288,267 or .94% over the prior year. Starting last fall the budgeting process was initiated through the input provided by the Building Principals, school staff and the School Councils. Throughout the development of the budget, the Superintendent and District staff held meetings with the Finance & Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Finance Committee and the Select Board to review budget details and solicit feedback and input.

The Business Office continues to be staffed by long term employee Angela DiVico in Accounts Payable, Melissa Szumski in Payroll, and Mark Chapulis as contracted Business Manager, and assisted by Michael DeBarge. They are assisted on a part time basis by Kathy Boucher, who supports payroll and Medicaid reporting. In addition to their regular responsibilities, business office staff has been involved in providing data for the submission of the application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for potential funding for a Jabish Brook Middle School project. Additionally, with the continuing need to maintain the health and safety of the school populations during the Covid-19 pandemic, the office has and continues to manage several grants awarded by the federal and state government aimed at maintaining the cleanliness and safety of the schools and addressing learning gaps which may develop during any learning challenges Covid presents.

Throughout the year, the Business Office closely monitors and manages the District's finances. The Munis accounting system used by the School Department conforms to state requirements and the Business Office uses sound accounting practices. The Business Manager reviews the budget regularly with the Superintendent and the School Committee receives monthly financial reports regarding payroll and accounts payable warrants. Combined with the annual operating budget of $30,509,793, the school district Business Office also manages State and Federal Grants of $1,772,555 School Revolving funds of $646,188, and a School Choice revolving fund of $958,838, which comprised a total financial operation of $33,887,374 in FY21.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Chapulis, Contracted Business Manager

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning: Throughout this year, I have continued to focus on assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development during this trying time.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort to align our PK-12 Professional Development efforts. We worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused, high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/district's mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our elementary curriculum and assessment work this year has been on English/Language Art (ELA). We are moving along as planned with the implementation of our new comprehensive ELA curriculum materials. In grades 6-12, a team of educators is working diligently to update Mathematics curriculum guides, which are expected to be completed in the coming years. We are paying particular attention to the application of mathematical practices as the curriculum expectations become more rigorous through the grades.

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on *Learning Recovery*. We also continued our work with area consultants in order to develop educators' capacity to support their colleagues as they refine classroom practices that prioritize the purposeful integration of SEL. Other PD work touched on *Technology Integration*, developing *Trauma Centered Practices*, and *Data-Informed Decision Making*.

These four themes were also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

I value the work that I do with building principals and assistant principals on identifying the elements of high-quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, mentoring, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis

of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Shawn Fortin, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Student Support Services: The year started with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for the ninth year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State" (ACCESS) testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

Student Support Services continues to oversee special education programs and services, English Language Learner programs, Section 504 and Homelessness. Essentially, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students. Special Education programs and services are responsible for providing educational services to students who experience academic difficulty because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay, or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or any combination of the aforementioned. Children ages three to twenty-two, who have not received a high school diploma, are eligible for special education services. In addition to providing for the academic needs of children identified as having a disability, the program provides related services to assist students in making effective educational progress. These services consist of, but are not limited to, psychological services, counseling for school-related issues, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility training, and speech/language therapy. Students with special needs are provided educational services in a variety of settings ranging from full inclusion in the regular classroom to out-of-district placements. The school district also provides extended school year services for special education students in grades preK-12 to prevent substantial loss of previously learned skills and/or substantial difficulty in relearning skills.

Spring 2021 found all students welcomed into school 5 days a week despite the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Student Support Services Department complied with all DESE guidance in regards to providing services for students. This consisted of keeping parents informed, writing Modification to Service Delivery Plans when appropriate, negotiating timelines for evaluations with individual families, conducting virtual meetings and providing services via a remote platform.

During summer 2021, the Student Support Services Department is proud to share that we were able to offer in-person services to all of our students requiring Extended Year Services. These services took place at Swift River Elementary as well as Belchertown High School.

The Student Support Services Department welcomed Rachel Desjardins-Smith as the new district-wide adjustment counselor and Lucy Saloio as Administrative Assistant. Student Support Services also thanks Lynn Forgette, 504 Coordinator, retiring in December 2021.

The Student Support Service Department continues to work with building principals to increase inclusive education for all students within the district. Increasing inclusive education may be a long and challenging process, but ultimately this transition can strengthen a school community while simultaneously supporting and addressing the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish.

Fall 2021 began the third year of Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services) programming at Belchertown High School through STAVROS and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Pre-ETS services are available to students with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22 who are enrolled in or receiving services through their local high school. Pre-ETS programming is designed to

offer a peer-based approach to support students with five core services: Job Exploration, Work Readiness, Work-based Learning Experiences, Self-Advocacy and Mentoring and Counseling on Post-Secondary Education or Training. Students can access one or all five of these services at a pace commensurate with their abilities

The Belchertown Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) continues to collaborate with neighboring communities in order to be able to provide a variety of workshops to our families. Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, these workshops will include: Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP; Bullying: What Parent Need to Know; 504 Plans.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education for all students.

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca Kudron, Director of Student Support Services

Director of Buildings and Grounds: The Buildings and Grounds department is responsible for the maintenance of five school buildings and two associated buildings, encompassing 478,000 square feet of building space and over 100 acres of land.

The COVID pandemic continues to create challenges for our custodial and maintenance staff. We have continued our efforts on our cleaning and disinfecting protocols in the school buildings in order to try and limit the spread of the virus. This continues to put more strain on staff. We have been forced to bring in some additional staff to keep these efforts going but we have also lost staff to burnout. There are signs that things are getting better. We have seen an increase in availability for crucial items such as PPE. Face masks, gloves and cleaning supplies have become readily available this year which is a positive sign. However other items we use to maintain our facilities such as HVAC, electrical and plumbing supplies and equipment are becoming harder to purchase. We are seeing very long lead times on replacement items and suppliers limiting quantities of higher use items. We are also seeing a labor shortage across all tradespeople and contractor industries which is causing higher labor and repair costs for the school district. We will have to monitor this closely and increase budgets for these repairs moving forward.

This year the school buildings underwent more than $400,000 in maintenance repairs and capital improvement projects, with a majority of them taking place during the summer months. Projects that were completed, in addition to ongoing maintenance of our school buildings included; window repairs and bottle fill installations at Swift River, classroom heat pump replacements, sidewalk repairs and cooling tower replacement at Chestnut Hill, Sidewalk replacement and playground drainage installation at Cold Spring School, exterior masonry repairs and bottle fill installations, parking lot crack sealing and line painting at Belchertown High School.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff who work hard every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for the Belchertown students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Lebeau, FMP, BOC - Director of Buildings and Grounds

Information Services Department: This year of 2021, and into 2022, we are seeing a return to normalcy for the I.T. department. Throughout the District student computer labs have been brought back online. Chromebook carts have been reassembled and are again being used in daily lessons. For the most part we are seeing a complete return to pre pandemic teaching and technology utilization, with the exception of new technologies introduced during the pandemic.

The Pandemic years forced a variety of new technologies onto our staff and faculty and we can see that, even though the pandemic has ended, there is continued use of these new technologies. For example, even students at Cold Spring School have Google accounts now. Parents can use these accounts to access student materials from home and keep tabs on their child's Google classroom. Online Google Classrooms can now be found in each and every grade/classroom across the entire District. This is just one example of how the rapid technological change that the Pandemic forced upon faculty is still in use even after the pandemic has subsided.

Upcoming for this year we can see many systems that are in need of a refresh cycle. Most of these systems were installed in the first few years when I was brought on board 10 years ago. Many of these systems are now reaching EOL (end of life) and are no longer supported and need to be replaced with modern versions.

In particular we are looking at the Door Access Systems, Camera System and Wireless System in the next year. Each system needs to be carefully looked at and different vendors need to be evaluated to see what the best fit is for the District.
For the Wireless refresh we plan to utilize Erate funds in an effort to reduce the cost of our wireless system refresh. Neal Priestly our Network Administrator is leading that effort to decide which system that will best fit our district going forward for the next 10 years. In today's world 90% of learning touches our wireless network in some way. It is one of the most important systems in the district.

For the door lock and camera refresh we can fit those systems into grants that help deal with Pandemic response measures. The I.T. department will also be working closely with Eric Lebeau (Director of Facilities) and Jason Krol (School Resource Officer) to help determine the best systems that fit their needs for door access and cameras.

I would like to thank our Superintendent and Administrative Team for their continued support for the rapidly expanding technological footprint in the district. Without the proper financial and operational support these systems can become problematic. Regular investments in the systems, technology and people who support them is critical to smooth operations across the district.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Scott Karen, Director of Technology for Belchertown Public Schools

Food Service Department Director: The food service department offers breakfast and lunch to students and staff every school day. The USDA extended its free breakfast and lunch program through June of 2022, and I am hoping they will continue to support free meals for all students going forward. I see it as a fantastic way to support our community and it helps build a communal feeling with the students. Our breakfast and lunch counts have been incredible. On average the Summer Eats Program has fed over 20000 more lunches than 2019, using Data that most resembled a normal year. The breakfast counts were up over 7000 more meals than 2019. Our National School Lunch Program has also seen a large uptake in participation. Using Data from 2020 and 2019 same timeline, we have seen an increase of more than 14,000 more lunches and 21,000 more breakfasts served. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the existing staff for providing these meals and re-inventing their spaces to accommodate the larger counts.

Our biggest issue is freezer space and supply chain disruptions. We are waiting to hear back on a grant to purchase a new walk-in freezer and refrigerated van to help us transport food at the correct temperature as well as store more food. This grant would cover the cost of both projects to the tune of approximately $140,000. This freezer would also allow us to utilize more of our School Garden and local produce grown in the Pioneer Valley.

We will utilize 100 % of our USDA entitlement funds as well as the DOD fresh funds. They are also privy to the supply chain issues and have been very slow to release products this year. Which has been difficult for many schools around the country, as the price of protein has skyrocketed this year. Many

food vendors are not currently taking new customers, but thankfully, my recent experience as a Food Sales Area manager has gotten me in the door with Performance Food Group and US Foods. This has allowed me to shop around for better pricing on many items and be able to recover any out of stock items that Thurston is experiencing, which has been massive. DESE waived many of the nutritional guidelines this year to allow Food Service Directors to procure food wherever we could. I am very thankful we have been able to keep the kitchens running smoothly and with little disruptions by staying ahead of the curve.

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our students and staff while making improvements where we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barrett Grazioso, Food Service Director

School Nursing Department: During the school year 2020-2021, we employed six full time nurses. We continue to receive money from a competitive grant from the Department of Public Health, the Comprehensive School Health Services Grant, which has allowed a Care Coordinator Attendance nurse to be hired to help families with children who have complex medical situations attend school and those with an attendance problem due to inequities, mental health and family issues. This is a 10-year grant and we are in year two. This position has expanded to outreach for students/families who are having a difficult time with remote learning. She had set up hot spots, delivered computers as well as food. Home visits dealt with safety and wellness checks as needed. Our nursing staff communicated with guidance and administration to identify those students / families who were struggling with remote learning. Nursing staff also communicated with those families in need of services. In order to prepare families, students, and staff to safely enter school in September, the nursing department worked to develop fact sheets, slide presentations on COVID-19, and educational videos for students on proper hand washings, safe distancing, and mask wearing. The Nurse Manager attended biweekly conferences with DPH for updated COVID -19 guidance that was then incorporated into school protocols. The Nurse Manager met daily with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent discussing ever-changing COVID-19 protocol. Our schools participated in the DESE recommended weekly Pool Testing. There were 390 participants, including staff and students. We followed DPH and DESE guidelines for quarantine and isolation in order to return to school. Nurses also, contact traced those students/staff who were within 6 feet of a positive individual and guidance was given. Mitigation efforts were practiced in school such as social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing and encouraged vaccination. We also worked closely with the Board of Health regarding COVID-19 cases in both the community and in school.

Our nurses deal with students who have chronic medical needs, behavioral needs, and neurological issues. We have an exceptional return to class rate of over 92%. School nurses typically complete mandatory screenings of children, which the Department of Public Health requires such as vision, hearing, height, weight, scoliosis, and SBIRT. Due to COVID, DPH has given schools a one-year waiver not requiring screenings. There are Automatic External Defibrillators in each school, with five located in the High School where the coach and Athletic Trainer can bring out to the fields for after school sporting events. The Central Office also has an AED. All school nurses are Heart Saver Instructors. The nurses taught CPR/AED to any staff member wishing to be certified. Currently there are 122-trained CPR/AED staff. All nurses are trained in Narcan administration. In October, we conducted a flu clinic for students with 90 participants. A staff flu clinic was held in October as well with 75 staff receiving the flu vaccine. We partnered with the Board of Health and held two COVID clinics for students and had 85 participants at each in May and June.

Every other year grades 8, 10 and 12 take a Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. This includes questions about substance use and depressive symptoms. It also asks questions about protective factors such as participation in school and community activities and opportunities for prosocial involvement. Our

results are compared to county and state results. Schools then decide what intervention to initiate due to the results.

The school nurse leader sits on two community coalitions, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together. The school is also part of the Drug Free Communities Grant and has been awarded $125,000.00 per year for five years, we are in year two. The school also has a Wellness committee that meets at a minimum of four times a year. This committee includes administrators, school committee, guidance, nursing, community members and students.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis DuComb, MEd., BSN, RN, School Nurse Leader

Cold Spring School: During the 2020-2021 school year, Cold Spring School provided 183 of the youngest students in the district with a high quality, developmentally appropriate education in an enriched and safe learning environment. We believe in educating the "whole child" and we renewed our focus on students' social-emotional development.

Our integrated preschool program includes three and four-year-olds and serves as an ideal stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Currently, there are two preschool classrooms offering morning and afternoon half-day sessions. The full-day kindergarten program for five and six-year-olds consists of eight classrooms. Twenty of our preschoolers entered kindergarten in the fall, while one hundred and forty-three kindergarten students were promoted to first grade.

In September 2020, all students started the academic year by learning remotely. In October, students transitioned from remote learning to hybrid learning. Wednesdays remained remote for all learners to allow for deep cleaning of school buildings. As April arrived, another transition occurred, and a return to full in-person learning concluded the school year. Another learning option for families during the 2020-2021 school year was full-year virtual learning in which forty of our families participated. I would like to express my gratitude to the educators, staff, students, and families for their resilience, understanding, and strength during this unprecedented time. We indeed were all in this together.

When attending school in-person, students and staff were required to wear facemasks and maintain social distancing. Classroom and cafeteria set-ups were reconfigured to ensure that safety protocols were followed. The efforts of the custodial staff need to be recognized. The numerous hours spent moving and rearranging furniture and sanitizing the building, in addition to their daily duties, went above and beyond to keep our school operating.

Our school nurses deserve praise and recognition. The additional responsibilities that they were responsible for were monumental; contact tracing, pooled testing, and endless hours spent communicating to the CSS community about the COVID 19 guidelines and protocols. Outstanding work!

The food service department worked tirelessly throughout the school year to prepare free breakfast and lunch for all students learning in-person and remotely. In addition, meals were provided to students when school was not in session. The efforts of the food service workers are to be commended.

On June 14th, another first-time event was held due to the pandemic- a drive-thru Step Up parade for preschoolers moving on to kindergarten. Families decorated their vehicles with signs and balloons to celebrate this milestone. Staff gathered in front of the building to celebrate and present students with certificates. This was a highlight of their preschool year!

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Cold Spring School was unable to continue the Volunteer Program. However, the hope is to reinstate the program in the near future. Although there were numerous

challenges, the PTO continued to support our students and staff. An end-of-the-year Popsicle event was sponsored by the PTO and brought smiles to all.

Although the 2020-2021 academic year posed significant challenges, we are proud to have been able to provide our youngest learners with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Mastalerz, Director

Swift River Elementary School: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2021 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates all students' efforts, interests, and abilities. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and embrace inclusive teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social, and academic growth to achieve success in a global society. The values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, and they are respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection, and resilience. Our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two, and three is 447 students.

The 2021 school year brought many changes and challenges as we ended the school year in the spring with many modifications to schedules and classroom setups. As we transitioned to the fall with a balance of everyday routines and schedules while continuing our efforts to keep students, staff, and the school community safe by the following guidance from local and state public health officials and our local building-based teams.

As each year-ends it brings with it new beginnings and different experiences for our educators. We welcome Susan Nelson to Swift River Elementary filling our grade 2 special education teaching position accent. In addition, in the role of Assistant Principal, we were excited to offer Ivy Peritz-Smith a leadership role in our district and see her added skills and expertise to our school. These fine educators hired for the fall of 2021 were among many outstanding candidates applying for positions in Belchertown. We are fortunate to have this talent added to our staff. As we welcomed our new educators to Swift River Elementary we had to say farewell to a talented educator moving into retirement, Ms. Eileen Farrington, Assistant Principal, sharing 8 years with us and now decided to move south for warmer weather in Little River, South Carolina with her husband where she will be closer to her parents and close to sandy beaches. We wish her well in her retirement and judging by recent pictures sent she certainly is doing that. Dawn Mederios one of our grade 2 special education teachers decided to find a new experience working at a Montessori School within the Pioneer Valley area. We wish both continued success in their future life plans.

Over the course of 2021, there has been a lot of planning and restructuring to meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Every school year, we review and evaluate the needs of our students and determine educational resources, programming, and direct instructional needs. This task came with an understanding of budgetary allowances and the ability to work within guidelines to produce high impactful practices and models.

Although we were met with some challenges, it did not stop progress as Swift River Elementary School continued its work with many districts all over Massachusetts in a Statewide Initiative by participating in Systemic Student Support workshops. (S3 Academy). Teams were made up of classrooms teachers, guidance staff, reading interventionist, and administration. Working with the state to develop a wide range of tiered interventions for student support TISS Integrated Student Support (ISS) process designed

to support every student and provide an ongoing continuum of support that monitors student achievement and progress in four domains: academics, social, emotional, family & community, health.

Our One School, One story community-reading program is moving forward, with some modifications due to circumstances in sharing materials. Our Assistant Principal, Eileen Farrington, continued the read-aloud through Facebook, January through May, showing students that reading is still a focus throughout the year. Using a community read-aloud helps foster the importance of reading and encourages a love for reading and a shared community conversation. All families were asked to participate and share their enthusiasm by participating in this school-wide event.

Our technology approach of the 2021 school year has been steadily growing to integrate differentiated teaching practices with real-time data to enhance instruction. Our technology in each classroom has expanded for students to research; reinforce skills, and progress monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of instructional strategies being used. We will continue these practices or adjust to provide this same experience through this time. Our teachers continue to attain higher proficiency levels, integrating technology in their lessons. The variety of technologies used in the classroom are interactive projectors, document cameras, software programs that support skill development for individual learning and reinforcement, and now can work with students in small groups through breakout rooms offered by google classroom during virtual live meets. We will continue to provide keyboarding skills to prepare for computer-based MCAS assessment and upgrade and provide new Dell computers to accommodate the upgrades necessary for the assessment. Every student in grades one through three has Google accounts to access many technology tools available to them. Students log into their accounts to access the typing club to prepare them in response to prompts and short answer questions necessary for assessments.

The district recognized a need to update and provide a cohesive Reading Series to deliver a consistent approach of literacy instruction for grades kindergarten through grade 5, and a plan for ongoing professional development. Months of piloting reading programs and collecting data and input from teachers resulted in the selection of Pearsons "myView" by Savvas. We have developed ongoing professional development to support teachers by arranging Learning Lab Classroom Teachers (LLCT) that receive intensive instruction with a myView specialist providing peer coaching opportunities as a non-evaluative professional development strategy that allows educators to work together, discuss and share teaching practices, observe each other's classrooms, provide mutual support, and, in the end, enhance teaching to enrich student learning through designed reading and writing lessons.

Our inclusion classrooms continue utilizing six different models of instructional delivery and furthering their collaborative work through additional professional development. By the school adopting an inclusive design model, all classrooms will reinforce instruction through intervention groups based on a variety of methods that provide the opportunity for differentiated centers that extend/support reading and writing that has been taught in the classroom. We have also implemented many supplementary instruction/materials into our daily math teaching to cover all of the topics covered in the new curriculum map and develop appropriate assessments.

Our Arts Enrichment program is part of our culture at SRE and continues to grow with excitement, now in its sixth year for students in grades 2 and 3. Approximately 140 students in each grade level are participating in the program. The Enrichment Programs have greatly impacted the social and emotional development of all of our students with fewer conflicts and discipline issues that are addressed by the administration. We have built over the past several years an assortment of activities all to the credit of our staff stepping outside of the box to explore areas of hands-on, inquiry, and collaborative exploration.

Our breakfast program this year is back on track as students receive free breakfast throughout the year. The breakfast program continues to be successful and provides students each morning with a healthy breakfast to start the day. Our nurse supports the cafeteria staff noticing fewer students going to the nurse for hungry tummies.

During the 2021 school year, Swift River Elementary School responds to both academic and social-emotional needs by implementing a framework using principles of our culture building programs, PeaceBuilders, with the added structure of Tier 1 & 2 strategies, which staff is trained by Polly Bath and a curriculum based program approved by the state "Acting with Purpose." All of this is in place and work continues to evolve to create sustainability throughout each year. A Behavior Support Team (BST) continues to develop continuity that connects the entire school to families, focusing on themes each month that represent our value words, kindness, respect, safety, and responsibility. Our hope is that we treat everyone in our community with respect and kindness and teach those skills and values for students to carry them forward.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2020 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Heather "Alison" Morra, teacher representative; Duke, parent representative, Erica Fisher, parent representative, Sadie Dyzbizbanski, parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal, Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School Principal: At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing all students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. We continually look for ways to improve what we do so that our students can be prepared not only for the rest of their educational careers, but throughout life.

Developing the social-emotional growth of students is one of our priorities at Chestnut Hill. We incorporate our RISE values of Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy into all we do. Students participate in activities that reinforce these values throughout the year and they are evidenced in posters and other visual representations as you walk through our halls. During morning announcements, as part of our efforts to create a more peaceful community, we discuss the value we are focusing on each month and recite our peacebuilders pledge. To reinforce that pledge and our values, monthly drawings are held to recognize students for their efforts.

We also utilize the Botvin LifeSkills Program in grades 4-6. This research-based program helps to increase self-esteem, develop healthy attitudes, and improve students' knowledge of essential life skills - all of which promote healthy and positive personal development and promote social-emotional growth.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact all schools throughout 2021 and Chestnut Hill is no exception. However, I am very proud of the work we have done to uphold our commitment to educating students in Belchertown throughout all the challenges we have faced. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the educators, staff, students, and families for their resilience and understanding during this unprecedented time. It truly is a team effort!

In January through April, Chestnut Hill utilized a hybrid-learning model in which students attended in-person learning for 2 days per week with the remainder of the week being remote. On Wednesdays, the school was remote for all learners to allow for a deep cleaning of the building. Another learning model offered to families during the 2020-2021 school year was full-time remote learning, in which approximately 60 students took part.

On April 5th, CHCS transitioned to full in-person learning 5 days a week for all students. In preparation for this transition, much of the building had to be reorganized. The gym became a second cafeteria and many classrooms that had been used as storage spaces at the beginning of the year, had to become usable classrooms once again. Outdoor storage containers were purchased for extra furniture and teacher's belongings, teachers packed up anything they didn't absolutely need, and the building was reconfigured to meet the updated COVID-19 spacing requirements. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the amazing efforts of the custodial staff who spent numerous hours going above and beyond to ensure that our building was ready for students.

At the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year, we saw 173 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2021-20202 school year, CHCS welcomed 166 fourth graders for a total of 483 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

In August, to help incoming students and families prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, a 4th Grade/New Students Orientation was held. Throughout the pandemic we learned some new skills and although this was held as an in-person event, we were able to record the presentation and create a virtual tour for families who could not attend. We were happy to provide various formats of the orientation in order to accommodate all families.

With the start of the 2021-2022 school year, despite continued COVID protocols and safety measures, we were able to reinstate many of the wonderful offerings at CHCS, including band and chorus. During the Veteran's Day Concert in November, the 5th and 6th Grade Chorus performed Amazing Grace and led the Flag Ceremony with various Military songs. The 6th Grade Band was able to record performances of the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful, which was shared at the concert. We look forward to having additional concert opportunities in the spring of 2022.

Students also participated in enrichment activities that enhanced the base curriculum and provided various learning opportunities that they may not otherwise experience. There were several sessions offering various options for students during their recess block. Some of the activities included Arts & Crafts, Chorus, Kickball, Magic the Gathering Club, Mileage Club, and Dungeons and Dragons Club.

In October, as part of the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program, students in grades 4 and 5 welcomed members of the Belchertown Fire Department to CHCS for presentations regarding fire prevention and evacuation procedures. We truly value this partnership with our local fire department.

Chestnut Hill Community School was proud to join more than 80 million Americans that took part in the largest drug prevention campaign in the nation: Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2021. With support from Belchertown Understanding Obstacles in Youth (BUOY), we promoted the importance of living a healthy life through morning educational and motivational announcements as well as daily spirit days.

Thank you to the School Council for their continuous effort in working together to improve our school. This council, which is made up of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators meet monthly to develop and discuss topics pertinent to CHCS and progress towards the school improvement plan. I appreciate their willingness to have open discussions about various topics and for sharing their ideas as we work collaboratively towards continuous improvement.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing school events and gifts for teachers to supplementing field trips, we could not succeed without their generous support. My sincere thanks goes to the entire PTO as well as all those who support the PTO for making this possible!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Deb Fitzpatrick, our school nurse, as well as the entire nursing staff. Their dedication to the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is truly commendable

and greatly appreciated. The role of the school nurse has changed tremendously and the additional responsibilities that they took on due to the pandemic were colossal. We are lucky to have such an outstanding team looking out for all of us!

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who, on a daily basis, work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. It is my honor and privilege to work with you each day. I also want to extend my appreciation to the entire CHCS community for their support in this very challenging year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Principal, Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal: Jabish Brook Middle School serves the middle school population of seventh and eighth grade students in Belchertown. Two grades are served in a building originally designed as a junior-senior high school nearly 60 years ago. It has been our mission to serve our middle school population with a blended model that combines the junior high school design with the middle school concept to serve the social, physical, emotional and academic needs of our students in this building.

We have been thankful to reopen the school to our middle school students for 2021 after our remote learning design concluded and in-person instruction was again realized. I must compliment the efforts of the school district for the past year to do everything possible to return our students to the school building as soon as possible and in maintaining safety protocols to remain open. It has again been a year of unprecedented actions by our school district to provide educational services to our students as we endured the cancellation of numerous school events, fundraisers and activities. The ability to maintain a safe learning environment with the assistance of our building and district nursing staff, and the cooperative efforts of our school community have made this a challenging but rewarding return to classroom instruction.

While utilizing personal and student devices has become integrated into our daily educational practices, balancing technology with hands-on instruction was our priority in our return to the classroom. We have successfully implemented a hybrid approach at the middle school level to service our students in the school building to balance the social integration needs with academic expectations.We have increased the opportunities for social engagement and social-emotional instruction in order to compensate for our time separated from in-person instruction.

Jabish Brook Middle School continued to develop and implement trauma-informed classroom practices as a part of our recovery year. We worked to provide a supportive and enriching learning environment based on building student relationships. It is an unfortunate reality that more and more of our students are finding maintaining academic expectations a daily struggle, which is reflected in our student needs and academic progress. Jabish Brook Middle School continues to work to address such needs by integrating our counseling services and trauma-informed practices into the classroom, taking a scaffolding approach to increasing academic work performance and proficiency.

I believe the greater struggle from the pandemic has been experienced in the past year since reopening the school building. While our students have returned to the classroom, we have overcome staff shortages, supply shortages, physical space limitations and a need for our students to relearn how to go to school. I continue to be impressed by the collective efforts of our school community to address these challenges and respond to these needs. Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS have come together during these unprecedented challenges greater than ever before to respond to these needs and provide the best possible programs and services for our middle school students.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, known as MCAS, which is required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates, was conducted during the spring of 2021 on a limited basis in order to track the impact of the pandemic to our students. While the negative impact of the school closure was identified across the state, our students performed slightly above the state average in a number of areas. We will continue to track and adjust our educational environment to address our student needs for continued improvement and recovery at the middle school level.

We learned in early 2021 that Belchertown has been invited into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) eligibility phase to pursue a feasibility study with Cold Spring School and Jabish Brook Middle School for a renovation or replacement project. This endeavor has been approved by the Belchertown School Committee and the Belchertown Selectmen to investigate the most feasible options with the increasing costs of repairs and retrofitting maintenance costs to the buildings. I look forward to a cooperative effort to pursue both the needs to service our students in a conducive environment that better meets the needs of our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility for our community.

It is through the cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS has been able to provide a positive and productive learning environment. I am indebted to our professional faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to this mission, and to our parents, guardians, students and families for their cooperation and perseverance to support our school community. I am very proud to be part of a community that has worked so hard for the benefit of our students under such circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal - Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal

It is nearly impossible to imagine anyone who could have foreseen or predicted the way the 2020-2021 school year would unfold. We encountered a year characterized by unique and evolving challenges as our town, state, country, and planet continued to contend with the most formidable pandemic of our lifetime. Yet, through it all, our students and educators remained stalwart and steadfast, smiling through those masks even when it seemed difficult to find something about which to smile. Never have I had as much admiration and appreciation for what it means to be an Oriole and how our community embodied that this year, individually and collectively. Whether our students were learning from home or in the physical classroom spaces of our Nest, they demonstrated all the characteristics we hope to see in our students, especially in times of challenge. So, to all of our students and educators, I say thank you and congratulations for being true Orioles, saving your best and most majestic flying for those times when the headwind was the most daunting.

Benjamin Schrenzel was chosen as the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Academic Excellence Award! During his years at Belchertown High School, Benjamin Schrenzel had impacted the BHS community in far-reaching ways. An active, dedicated, and irreplaceable member of the BHS "As Schools Match Wits" team; a founding member of the Belchertown Student Union for Equity; and an all-league tennis player, Ben was equally at home in academic, community-oriented, and athletic realms. He was always willing to lend his time and talent and could be counted upon to be intimately involved in nearly every aspect of his school. For example, when the school needed a web-based platform, which a committee of visiting educators would access to help in their decennial evaluation of Belchertown High School, it was Ben who spearheaded this project. Rarely is someone so bright and so talented also a factotum: he can seemingly do everything! And, he does it all with a down-to-earth and affable demeanor. In addition to everything else, Ben is one of the kindest and most modest students Belchertown High School has ever seen.

Ask anyone who has worked with Ben in any capacity in the BHS community...his teachers, his administrators, his classmates, his coaches, his mentors, his teammates...and the description of Ben was

likely to be similar because of the expertise, enthusiasm, and egalitarianism he brought to every endeavor. In an era that too often mistakenly celebrates the loud and the rude, Ben was a refreshing reminder that the calm and the kind are among our most precious attributes and principles.

In June, we celebrated the Class of 2021 in several ways. On Thursday, May 27th a Parade of Vehicles took place. Our Seniors and their families decorated their vehicles as they drove around the Nest to the cheers and applause of their educators who were holding signs celebrating our Seniors!

On Friday, May 28th, Seniors and their families gathered at the entrance of the Nest and had formal photos taken.

On Tuesday, June 1st, the Senior Awards Ceremony took place on the stadium field. Over $75,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

Following the Senior Awards Ceremony, there was a Senior Class Video Drive-In for Seniors and their families to enjoy!

On Wednesday, June 2nd after graduation rehearsal, our Seniors took their traditional photo in the shape of their class year. Following the photo, our Seniors took part in the Senior Walk outside of Swift River Elementary School and Chestnut Hill Community School where they were cheered on by their former educators and future Orioles!

On Thursday, June 3rd the Class of 2021 graduated 164 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held on the stadium field with family, friends, and educators in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Speeches were given by Mr. Benjamin Schrenzel, valedictorian of the class, Ms. Ashley Messier, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. David Hulmes, president of the Class of 2021.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 was the last day of the 2020 - 2021 school year. We Are Orioles and We Did It was our mantra! And our educators did it so well! Our educators were reminded to be proud of all that they did to keep our students educated, engaged, enthused, entertained, and most importantly connected - connected to them, connected to their classmates, connected to their education! Our students were so very fortunate to have had our educators in their lives! A great debt of gratitude goes out to each and every educator for all that they did for our students, our families, and for each other! Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of our educators! It was now a time for them to rest, relax, rejuvenate, recharge, recuperate, and reflect and show themselves the same kindness, compassion, and patience that they showed everyone else!

On Monday, August 17th, we welcomed the Class of 2025, Class of 2024, and New Students to the Nest! It was amazing to have everyone back in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium as our student orientation volunteers provided our students with an amazing introduction to the Nest and where we acknowledged the Belchertown Public School community and the tremendous creativity, adaptability, and resiliency we all showed during the previous year!

On Wednesday, August 25th, the orange carpet was rolled out as we welcomed our educators and the Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 back into the Nest! It was so nice to have all of our Orioles back in our Nest!

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, November 10th. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Cameron Burnham, and Student Council for their help and inviting

Attorney Sarah Peck, Director UnitedOnGuns, Public Health Advocacy Institute of Northeastern University School of Law to join us. Thanks to Ms. Frederick for posting the colors. Thanks to Ms. McNary, Dr. Houle, and our choir for their beautiful voices! Thanks to Mr. Caster and our Symphony Band for their amazing sound! Thanks to Aiden Mugford and Carter Masse for playing Taps so well during our solemn ceremony. Thanks to Mr. Murray, James White, and Owen Wojtczak, for their technological assistance. And thanks to all of our students for the respect they showed during the ceremony.

On Saturday, October 31st, our Girls' and Boys' Soccer Teams were crowned Western MA Champions! On Saturday, November 21st, our Boys' Cross Country Team competed in the State Tournament in Wrentham!

In November, the following members of the Class of 2022 were recognized as John and Abigail Scholarship recipients based on their performance on the high school MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Based on their high academic achievement they have qualified to receive a four year scholarship upon acceptance to a Massachusetts public institution of higher education including the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts, all nine state universities and all fifteen community colleges - Christopher Adzima, Marjorie Fassen Dymond, Monica Gildea, Danish Humayun, Allyson Linkenhoker, Rachel Livengood, Caleigh McCormack, Christopher Misiaszek, Abigail Rivers, Eli Sayball-Wimmer, Ty Sayball-Wimmer, Sarah Sedlacek, Elyssa Wrona.

Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of our students, our educators, and our families! Our Nest is one in which all of our Orioles feel safe, valued, and validated!

Since March 13, 2020, right up until today, the Belchertown High School community has shown tremendous creativity, adaptability, and resiliency! I could not be more proud of our students and educators for the relationships that have been fostered and maintained and the respect, responsibility, reflection, and resilience that has been shown as outstanding teaching and learning takes place complete with rigor.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Vigneux - Belchertown High School Principal

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present this report to the citizens of the nine-town District.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Hardwick, Julie Quink, Chairperson; Palmer, Michael Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman and David Droz; Belchertown, Lorraine F. Alves, Secretary and Francesco Dell'Olio; Granby, William Johnson; Ware, Marie Barbara Ray; Monson, Anthony Allard; Warren, John Nason, New Braintree, Martin Goulet; Oakham, Jeffrey Nelson and Student Representative Cordelia Hageman.

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS: 2021 marked the end of an era for Pathfinder Tech. Longtime Superintendent, Gerald L. Paist, retired after serving 48 years as the superintendent of the district. His commitment and dedication to students, staff, and members of the communities we serve is simply unmatched. We collectively thank him for his many years of service and wish him well in his retirement.

With the retirement of Superintendent Paist, Assistant Superintendent/Principal Eric Duda was appointed by the School Committee to serve as the next superintendent to lead the District. 2021 marked

Superintendent Duda's 15th year in the District having served as a teacher, in various administrator roles, and for the past four years as Assistant Superintendent/Principal. The transition was seamless, and Pathfinder Tech will now continue to grow while strengthening the Career Technical Education offerings, as well as the robust academics that are offered to our students.

COVID-19 IN-PERSON LEARNING: The COVID-19 pandemic and the safety guidance provided by DESE as a result, created a situation that required constant adaptation during the 2020-2021 school year and beyond. Pathfinder Tech was able to safely house 75% of our students daily, with all 9th and 10th grade students invited to fully participate in person and 11th and 12th grade students invited to participate in their technical programs in person and their academic classes remotely. Those students who elected to participate in their education remotely during any point in the school year were able to do so without interruption thanks to the accommodations and planning of our staff, both academic and technical.

ENROLLMENT: For the school year 2021-2022, the enrollment on October 1 was 629 students, an increase of 19 students over the previous year.

BUDGET: During FY21, the School Committee adopted a final FY22 budget of $14,470,338, representing an increase of 1.22% over the FY21 Budget. Subsequently, the majority of Pathfinder Tech's member communities voted to approve their assessments during their 2021 town meetings and town council meetings, thereby approving the FY22 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. Formulation of the annual budget and town assessments are based on the previous school year's October 1 enrollment.

Due to the pandemic, Pathfinder Tech is participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) School Lunch Program that provides free lunches to all students through government subsidies by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This program has significantly benefited students experiencing financial instability due to economic hardships.

While there is an array of challenging social, economic, and pandemic related issues that all school districts are facing, Pathfinder Tech continues its commitment to offer a rigorous technical education while providing equally demanding academics. Through the use of data driven decision making, Pathfinder Tech has been able to reallocate and adjust its budgets to meet the needs of our student population. Through our ability to adapt, Pathfinder Tech has been able to meet its core objectives while keeping annual budget increases well under 2% for the last 5 years. While challenges such as declining out of district tuition revenue, stagnated Chapter 70 Aid, and health insurance premium increases loom, we are committed to meeting the social / emotional needs of our students in order to give them a competitive advantage when they leave Pathfinder Tech and further their education or enter directly into the workforce.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PATHFINDER TECH 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: The fall of 2020, and the continuation of the pandemic, brought a series of challenges to our usual large-scale fall admissions season. In response, Pathfinder Tech used alternate means of outreach to connect with prospective students and families. Our updated colors and new PT imagery showed beautifully in the polished electronic communication, social media platforms, and direct mailings that we used helped to bridge this gap. Throughout the winter and into spring of 2021, private tours gave students and families the opportunity to see our programs, facilities, and equipment firsthand, learn about our range of academic and technical offerings, and ask any questions. Student interviews, part of the admissions process, were completed at the tour or electronically via Zoom or Google Meet. Regardless of these challenges, we saw record interest and had over 375 applications for the 2021-2022 school year!

In the spring, Pathfinder Tech took time to celebrate the well-deserved accomplishments of our students. During an evening in May, two National Technical Honor Society Ceremonies were held honoring the 65 students who earned such status through their outstanding school performance and admirable character

traits–our largest NTHS representation in the school's history! A bright and sunny June 5th saw 136 graduates from our Class of 2021 gleefully earning their high school diplomas, technical certificates, as well as numerous scholarships and award accolades. Later in June, 184 of our 9th through 11th grade students were also recognized at on-campus award ceremonies and celebrations for excellence and outstanding achievement in their academic and technical endeavors.

July and August brought three Summer Bridge Orientation options for our incoming students. The events provided opportunities for our new students to meet Pathfinder Tech staff and students, begin forming connections with each other, and participate in placement testing. By the first day of school on August 27, 2021, we were delighted to welcome 173 new freshmen and 13 new sophomore students to the Pathfinder Tech family for the 2021-2022 school year. We also were excited to unveil to our entire faculty and student body a new Pioneer mascot image. The new image showcased a golden eagle clutching either the words "Pioneers" or our new "PT" design. Aggressive, yet whimsical, it perfectly captures our school spirit and will be a fun way to support our athletic teams. This image has received rave reviews and we feel it more accurately represents the Pathfinder Tech of today.

During the 2021 months of November and December Pathfinder Tech was able to return to hosting its two recruitment events in person. The Showcase event held during the school day on November 23, 2021, had 281 student participants from our sending districts. Our Career Night event, held in the evening of December 8, 2021, had over 560 student and family member attendees. Students and families were able to have a gourmet meal, tour our building, and explore what our technical programs have to offer. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year opened that evening.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS: A total of 85 students participated in the Cooperative Education and WIOA program during the 2020/2021 school year. These talented and well trained students continue to be a highly valued resource to the local labor market.

During 2021, Pathfinder Tech's vocational programs received 641 requests for work to be performed. Our technical programs continue to accept work requests from community members and organizations within our nine member towns. These projects allow our vocational technical students to apply their learning in real world experiential ways while providing quality products and services to our communities at significantly reduced rates.

- The Advanced Manufacturing program designed and machined aluminum cribbage boards for a number of local non-profit organizations for fundraising events.
- The Automotive Technology program performed work on nearly 300 vehicles, resulting in a savings of over $105,000 for members of the community when compared to industry rates.
- The Carpentry program saved community members and organizations approximately $75,000 on projects that included a residential garage, completion of a camp building at Camp Stanica, and a timber framed kiosk for the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed.
- The Collision Repair and Refinishing program saved community members approximately $10,000 when compared to industry pricing. One notable project was the full restoration of a 1930 Ford Model A Roadster street-rod.
- The Culinary Arts program began providing breakfast for the Palmer Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and reopened Pathfinder Tech's restaurant, Perso, to the public. In just 3 months, Perso served lunch to community members at a savings of approximately $25,000 when compared to industry prices.
- The Electrical program completed numerous projects, both at Pathfinder Tech and in the community.
- The Horticulture program held their annual spring plant sale, and winter poinsettia and wreath sale.
- The HVAC-R program recovered refrigerant from 16 cascade lab freezers for UMASS Amherst's Waste Management Department.
- The Plumbing and Professional Skills department expanded to include an additional staff member at the start of school in August, 2021.

SELECT STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Spring of 2021

- Business Technology students were fortunate to have the opportunity to compete in the MA BPA State Leadership Conference. The students put forth their best effort and performed extremely well. Many of our winners will be advancing on to compete in the virtual BPA National Leadership Conference.
- Cosmetology students passed State board exams at a 100% passing rate.
- Two Business Tech Stock Traders took first place in the junior achievement USA stock trading completion.
- Pathfinder Tech's Robotics club, Team 785A, competed in the "2021 Live Remote VEX Robotics World Championship" from May 20th - 22nd, 2021.
- SkillsUSA announced medal winners in Automotive Service Tech, winning silver, Diesel Equipment Tech, winning silver, Electronics Tech, winning gold, Job Interview, winning gold, and Nursing Assisting, winning bronze.

Summer of 2021

- Congratulations were made to Ethan Griswold ('22) on his achievement of winning Gold at SkillsUSA Nationals in the Electronics Technology competition. Ethan has worked incredibly hard to get to this point including digital hassles, five written assessments (roughly more than an hour each), hands-on tasks, and all while competing against many students from across the United States.
- Congratulations were made to recent graduate Cassie Hayden for her advancement in the SkillsUSA National Competition. Cassie competed as a finalist in the Job Interview competition and finished as one of the top 10 nationally.

Fall of 2021

- Pathfinder Tech Robotics teams entered the FIRST Robotics Competition and were awarded sponsorship by Disney in the amount of $775 and NASA in the amount of $6,000.
- Select students in the Horticulture Program competed in the FFA Landscape Design competition at the Big E this year and took home 4th place.

ATHLETICS: The Athletic Department continues to offer a no-fee program in which all students can participate without fees. The following sports were offered: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling and softball.

CURRICULUM: Many efforts were made in 2021 to combat pandemic related learning loss. From the spring of 2020 and throughout 2021 it was evident that our students were struggling in all facets of education. These struggles were not unique to Pathfinder Tech, but we needed a concerted effort to provide interventions for our students. In conjunction with the Data Team, we consistently reviewed data from Progress reports, and Trimester reports to address the high number of students that were failing courses. We instituted school vacation extra help sessions in order to provide extra opportunities for our students to make up missing work, or get extra help on particular assignments. All students were scheduled individually based on the courses where they needed help. Zoom sessions with staff were set up so that students could ask questions in real time with an educator while they made up any missing work.

At the end of 2021 we began implementing a new program and utilizing TeachPoint to more effectively track PDP's for staff. Once per month Professional Development after school was offered with a focus on best practices. During these sessions there are five different presentations for staff to choose from. Each of these sessions are led by a Pathfinder Tech staff member, so that the staff can learn from each other, and share expertise in particular areas. The PDP's that staff receive for this and all other Professional Development that is delivered by the district is now tracked and distributed through TeachPoint.

STUDENT SERVICES: Pathfinder Tech's Student Services department oversees Special Education, Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning initiatives, and English Learners programming.

In the 2021 school year the department executed the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) of roughly 170 students. The dedicated staff of teachers, paraprofessionals, and student support personnel worked to improve their process of team meetings and IEP development.

In the area of Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health, the department moved into the second year of universal implementation of DBT: STEPS-A for 9th graders. A pilot program of Universal Mental Health screening for 9th grade students was initiated at this time and will occur again prior to the completion of the 2021-2022 school year. The intention is that this initiative will inform a Tiered System of Social Emotional support for students beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. The department also partnered with Care Solace, an agency that acts as a liaison to connect members of the Pathfinder Tech community with needed mental health and substance abuse providers.

Currently Pathfinder Tech serves two English Learning students, and demographic trends indicate that this number will increase in the coming years. As such, the department submitted and had approved a complete program proposal for EL students from DESE.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Summer school in 2021 had participation from 29 Pathfinder Tech students and 62 out of district students. A total of 125 courses were taken by students from 9 different sending districts. Revenue generated from out of district students resulted in no charge for Pathfinder Tech students this year. Most of the funding for summer school teachers was grant funded. We also held in person summer school courses for particular students that had low achievement throughout the year and needed extra remediation for English or Math courses.

The Pathfinder Tech Summer Youth Enrichment Program had a successful season after taking a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic. Youth ages 8 to 13 from nearby towns participated in a variety of hands-on learning opportunities in ten different technical areas. The sessions were held over a four-week period during the month of July and a total of 207 children participated.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder Tech enters its 49th year offering high quality career and technical education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support over these years.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Quink (Hardwick), Chairperson
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary
Anthony Allard, (Monson)
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
John Nason (Warren)
Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Vice Chairman
Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
David Droz (Palmer)
Martin Goulet (New Braintree)
Marie Barbara Ray (Ware)
Cordelia Hageman, Student Member

Eric Duda, Superintendent-Director

VETERANS' GRAVES

For the year 2021, all of Belchertown's Veterans' Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South Cemetery.

Help was also provided by a smaller group of Belchertown volunteers due to the COVID 19 virus. This group also supported flagging at Lake Vale, Hillcrest, Rural and Dwight Cemeteries. Additional flagging was complied with for Veteran's Day on the Town Common.

The American Legion also supported our efforts with a very generous donation enabling us to purchase flag holders for the Veteran's graves that needed replacing.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope and Hillcrest cemeteries. As of 2021, 204 gravestones have been restored with CPA funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veterans' Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

The year 2021 continued with new challenges the department was proud to overcome. I continued to flexibly adjust the way the office interacted with clients as well as the needs in the community. The year continued to provide many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the constantly changing economy and job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town. Additionally, the office continued to partner with local and state agencies to provide food box deliveries as often as weekly including holiday meals in November and December. I also was able to acquire and disseminate numerous winter coats and, socks, gloves and hats. I created a small pantry outside my office for Veterans and their families to take any needed hygiene and food items. Most of these items were donated by the community- mainly the local schools.

Future plans for 2022 would include: 1) Continue to network resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances to include food box deliveries; 2) Multiple public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, food security and elder care issues; and, 3) Further streamlining the process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

During 2021, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board continued to be integral in assisting my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies safely with COVID-19 restrictions. In collaboration with the VSAB, my office was able to hold the Veterans' Day Ceremony in person safely and proficiently. Also, the VSAB continued to assist me with informing local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs while maintaining safe distances and healthy protocols.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Select Board Members who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated. Additionally, I'd like to thank the Select Board and Advisory Board for their hard work in supporting my office through the pandemic.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year, the Zoning Board of Appeals received two requests for Variances and two Special Permit applications. Both applications for Variance were withdrawn. One Special Permit was granted, one Special permit has been continued into 2022.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Gibbons, Chair
Jennifer Sharrow, Vice Chair
Mark Hebert, Member
Wayne Versace, Associate Member
Dino Brunetti, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2021

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Trust Funds & Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	4,337,211.66	5,800,914.47	70,534.12	957,305.60	3,659,430.05		14,825,395.90
Petty Cash Advance	165.00						165.00
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	275,396.39						275,396.39
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	544,142.51						544,142.51
Tax Liens	326,467.33			17,844.68			344,312.01
Special Assessments	0.00			2,332,178.18			2,332,178.18
Departmental	755,344.29			350,244.66			1,105,588.95
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(361,262.68)						(361,262.68)
Tax Foreclosures	151,370.34						151,370.34
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
CPA/Stormwtr Surcharge Receivable		3,118.85		36,917.07			40,035.92
Due From Other Governments	250,581.35	138,508.30					389,089.65
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payal	0.00	62,500.00	1,785,000.00				1,847,500.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt						6,282,281.91	6,282,281.91
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence						322,550.32	322,550.32
Total Assets	6,285,208.15	6,005,041.62	1,855,534.12	3,694,490.19	3,659,430.05	6,604,832.23	28,104,536.36
LIABILITIES							
Warrants Payable	535,089.29	169,707.97		75,690.90	1,860.32		782,348.48
Employee Withholdings	1,059,211.94						1,059,211.94
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	(85,866.29)						(85,866.29)
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	544,142.51						544,142.51
Tax Liens	326,467.33			17,844.68			344,312.01
Special Assessments	0.00			2,332,178.18			2,332,178.18
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
Departmental	755,344.29			350,244.66			1,105,588.95
Tax Foreclosures	151,370.34						151,370.34
CPA/Stormwtr Surcharge Receivable		3,118.85		36,917.07			40,035.92
Government Receivable	144,699.35	138,508.30					283,207.65
Grant Receivable							0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		62,500.00	1,785,000.00				1,847,500.00
Unclaimed Checks	7,799.25						7,799.25
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)						(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness						6,282,281.91	6,282,281.91
Compensated Absences						327,554.24	327,554.24
Total Liabilities	3,437,513.17	373,835.12	1,785,000.00	2,812,875.49	1,860.32	6,609,836.15	15,020,920.25
FUND EQUITY							
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,175,297.92	0.00		60,535.63			1,235,833.55
Reserve for Expenditures	556,916.00	205,845.67		299,354.00			1,062,115.67
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,115,481.06						1,115,481.06
Reserved Fund Balance		5,404,942.95	70,534.12	521,725.07	3,657,569.73		9,654,771.87
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88					20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	2,847,694.98	5,631,206.50	70,534.12	881,614.70	3,657,569.73	0.00	13,088,620.03
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	6,285,208.15	6,005,041.62	1,855,534.12	3,694,490.19	3,659,430.05	6,609,836.15	28,109,540.28

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

ASSETS		
Cash		4,337,211.66
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	275,396.39	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	544,142.51	
Tax Liens	326,467.33	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	755,344.29	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	144,699.35	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(361,262.68)	
		1,690,579.15
Due from Other Governments		105,882.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		151,370.34
Total Assets		6,285,208.15
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		535,089.29
Employee Withholdings		1,059,211.94
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(85,866.29)	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	544,142.51	
Tax Liens	326,467.33	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	755,344.29	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	144,699.35	
Tax Foreclosures	151,370.34	
		1,841,949.49
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Unclaimed Checks		7,799.25
Total Liabilities		3,437,513.17
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		556,916.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		1,175,297.92
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,115,481.06
Total Fund Equity		2,847,694.98
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		6,285,208.15

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	881,499.92	5,709.02	465,649.88	134,759.68	193,900.55	208,417.98	3,910,977.44	5,800,914.47
Petty Cash Advance								0.00
Due From Commonwealth		138,508.30						138,508.30
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	62,500.00							62,500.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY21)	3,118.85							3,118.85
Due from Federal Government								0.00
Total Assets	947,118.77	144,217.32	465,649.88	134,759.68	193,900.55	208,417.98	3,910,977.44	6,005,041.62
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	9,844.15	110,092.69	14,943.04	6,271.00	28,557.09	169,707.97
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		138,508.30					0.00	138,508.30
Employee Withholdings								0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	62,500.00							62,500.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'bl	3,118.85							3,118.85
Early pmt of '19 CPA Surcharge								0.00
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	65,618.85	138,508.30	9,844.15	110,092.69	14,943.04	6,271.00	28,557.09	373,835.12
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	675,654.25	5,709.02	455,805.73	24,666.99	178,957.51	202,146.98	3,862,002.47	5,404,942.95
Reserve for Open Space	6,422.37							6,422.37
Reserve for Historic Resources	50,150.00							50,150.00
Reserve for Community Housing	149,273.30							149,273.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00							0.00
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88	20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	881,499.92	5,709.02	455,805.73	24,666.99	178,957.51	202,146.98	3,882,420.35	5,631,206.50
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	947,118.77	144,217.32	465,649.88	134,759.68	193,900.55	208,417.98	3,910,977.44	6,005,041.62

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	Capital Proj. /Equipment	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	59,195.95	(790.35)	12,128.52	70,534.12
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.	1,785,000.00			1,785,000.00
Total Assets	1,844,195.95	(790.35)	12,128.52	1,855,534.12
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable				0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	1,785,000.00			1,785,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable				0.00
Total Liabilities	1,785,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,785,000.00
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	59,195.95	(790.35)	12,128.52	70,534.12
Total Fund Equity	59,195.95	(790.35)	12,128.52	70,534.12
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,844,195.95	(790.35)	12,128.52	1,855,534.12

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Enterprise Funds - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	632,004.49	200,519.05	124,782.06	957,305.60
Accounts Receivable:				
Sewer User Fees	350,244.66			350,244.66
Assessments	2,332,178.18			2,332,178.18
Tax Liens - Sewer	17,844.68			17,844.68
Stormwater Utility Fee			36,917.07	36,917.07
Total Assets	3,332,272.01	200,519.05	161,699.13	3,694,490.19
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	46,311.83	17,923.76	11,455.31	75,690.90
Deferred Revenue:				
Sewer User Fees	350,244.66			350,244.66
Assessments	2,332,178.18			2,332,178.18
Tax Liens - Sewer	17,844.68			17,844.68
Stormwater			36,917.07	36,917.07
Total Liabilities	2,746,579.35	17,923.76	48,372.38	2,812,875.49
Fund Equity:				
Reserved for Expenditure	203,979.00	95,375.00		299,354.00
Reserved for Encumbrance	60,535.63	0.00		60,535.63
Retained Earnings	321,178.03	87,220.29	113,326.75	521,725.07
Total Fund Equity	585,692.66	182,595.29	113,326.75	881,614.70
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,332,272.01	200,519.05	161,699.13	3,694,490.19

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Fiduciary Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	Expendable Trust Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	205,179.23	3,659,430.05
Total Assets	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	205,179.23	3,659,430.05
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00		1,860.32	1,860.32
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	1,860.32	1,860.32
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	203,318.91	3,657,569.73
Total Fund Equity	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	203,318.91	3,657,569.73
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	205,179.23	3,659,430.05

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	High School 2001	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Route 181 Sewer Project	BSS Roadway	Patrick Center	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS														
Amt to be Provided for payment of debt	1,520,000.00	63,000.00	192,000.00	355,000.00	754,637.49	639,131.42	293,513.00	1,295,000.00	170,000.00	910,000.00	90,000.00			6,282,281.91
Amt to be Provided for compensated absences												66,203.80	256,346.52	322,550.32
Total Assets	1,520,000.00	63,000.00	192,000.00	355,000.00	754,637.49	639,131.42	293,513.00	1,295,000.00	170,000.00	910,000.00	90,000.00	66,203.80	256,346.52	6,604,832.23
LIABILITIES														
Bond Indebtedness	1,520,000.00	63,000.00	192,000.00	355,000.00	754,637.49	639,131.42	293,513.00	1,295,000.00	170,000.00	910,000.00	90,000.00			6,282,281.91
Compensated Absences												66,203.80	256,346.52	322,550.32
Total Liabiliti	1,520,000.00	63,000.00	192,000.00	355,000.00	754,637.49	639,131.42	293,513.00	1,295,000.00	170,000.00	910,000.00	90,000.00	66,203.80	256,346.52	6,604,832.23

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2021

	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	2,394,683.40	210,335.14	2,605,018.54
2023	856,901.17	114,478.11	971,379.28
2024	869,162.59	78,791.67	947,954.26
2025	490,062.17	61,594.96	551,657.13
2026	487,488.37	44,457.83	531,946.20
2027	489,963.04	27,261.93	517,224.97
2028	222,487.17	15,930.55	238,417.72
2029	124,903.00	11,506.65	136,409.65
2030	125,507.00	8,052.55	133,559.55
2031	126,124.00	4,586.24	130,710.24
2032	95,000.00	1,425.00	96,425.00
	6,282,281.91	578,420.63	6,764,277.54

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS			FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:									
Taxes	29,813,154.66								29,813,154.66
State Receipts	17,865,018.00								17,865,018.00
Excise Taxes	1,990,427.96								1,990,427.96
Lieu Taxes	335,239.64								335,239.64
Licenses & Permits	259,245.11								259,245.11
Interest	198,980.09	37,819.44					147,148.93		383,948.46
Fines & Forfeits	21,498.04								21,498.04
Departmental Revenue	380,161.99	2,827,106.89		1,804,500.56	428,295.15	355,848.29			5,795,912.88
Fees	68,208.00								68,208.00
Rentals	41,093.35								41,093.35
Umass Transit	27,550.00								27,550.00
Other Miscellaneous	82,009.17	45,375.21					250.00	6,600.00	134,234.38
Grants		5,366,915.82							5,366,915.82
Performance Guarantees		2,500.00							2,500.00
Gifts		81,491.63							81,491.63
Temporary Loans									0.00
MWPAT									0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,785,000.00						1,785,000.00
Total Revenues	51,082,586.01	8,361,208.99	1,785,000.00	1,804,500.56	428,295.15	355,848.29	147,398.93	6,600.00	63,971,437.93
Expenditures:									
General Government	2,143,522.57	1,180,103.23							3,323,625.80
Protection of Persons & Property	4,619,473.01	813,814.33							5,433,287.34
Education	30,478,773.28	2,717,201.26					4,600.00		33,200,574.54
Public Works	2,755,899.81	716,390.30		1,136,595.99	398,015.00	242,521.54	19.98		5,249,442.62
Human Services	1,001,811.42	217,500.31					927.17		1,220,238.90
Culture & Recreation	847,753.39	238,549.01							1,086,302.40
Insurance & Unclassified	5,332,476.95								5,332,476.95
Debt & Interest	2,171,698.87			422,709.66					2,594,408.53

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS			FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):									
State Assessments	1,770,442.00								1,770,442.00
Prior Year Expenditures	338,198.97			28,156.69	0.00				366,355.66
Land Purchase									0.00
Construction									0.00
Equipment			32,641.00						32,641.00
Return of Unexpended Funds									0.00
Temporary Loan			1,600,000.00						1,600,000.00
Total Expenditures	51,460,050.27	5,883,558.44	1,632,641.00	1,587,462.34	398,015.00	242,521.54	5,547.15	0.00	61,209,795.74
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(377,464.26)	2,477,650.55	152,359.00	217,038.22	30,280.15	113,326.75	141,851.78	6,600.00	2,761,642.19
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In	1,370,785.96	47,621.36	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,443,407.32
Operating Transfers Out	72,621.36	970,785.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.00	1,443,407.32
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,298,164.60	(923,164.60)	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(400,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	920,700.34	1,554,485.95	177,359.00	217,038.22	30,280.15	113,326.75	(258,148.22)	6,600.00	2,761,642.19
Audit Adjustment *									0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-20	1,926,994.64	4,280,039.46	-106,824.88	368,654.44	152,315.14	0.00	2,989,401.21	716,397.83	10,326,977.84
Fund Balance 6-30-21	2,847,694.98	5,834,525.41	70,534.12	585,692.66	182,595.29	113,326.75	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	13,088,620.03

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	29,599,693.00	29,813,154.66	213,461.66
State Receipts	17,794,496.00	17,865,018.00	70,522.00
Excise Taxes	2,170,000.00	1,990,427.96	(179,572.04)
Lieu Taxes	328,000.00	335,239.64	7,239.64
Licenses & Permits	245,000.00	259,245.11	14,245.11
Interest	210,200.00	198,980.09	(11,219.91)
Fines & Forfeits	26,000.00	21,498.04	(4,501.96)
Departmental Revenue	315,086.00	380,161.99	65,075.99
Fees	68,700.00	68,208.00	(492.00)
Rentals	45,000.00	41,093.35	(3,906.65)
Umass Transit	25,500.00	27,550.00	2,050.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	76,000.00	82,009.17	6,009.17
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	50,903,675.00	51,082,586.01	178,911.01
Expenditures:			
General Government	2,289,371.59	2,143,522.57	145,849.02
Protection of Persons & Property	4,748,907.00	4,619,473.01	129,433.99
Education	31,645,852.00	30,478,773.28	1,167,078.72
Public Works	2,801,440.00	2,755,899.81	45,540.19
Human Services	1,104,914.03	1,001,811.42	103,102.61
Culture & Recreation	881,785.00	847,753.39	34,031.61
Insurance & Unclassified	5,499,823.00	5,332,476.95	167,346.05
Debt & Interest	2,197,420.00	2,171,698.87	25,721.13
State Assessments	1,679,240.00	1,770,442.00	(91,202.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	439,637.34	338,198.97	101,438.37
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	53,288,389.96	51,460,050.27	1,828,339.69
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(377,464.26)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,370,600.00	1,370,785.96	
Operating Transfers Out	43,645.06	72,621.36	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,326,954.94	1,298,164.60	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		920,700.34	
Fund Balance 7/1/20		1,926,994.64	
Fund Balance 6/30/21		2,847,694.98	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	77,713.00	678,449.51	1,616,326.53	555,812.99	849,407.97		1,589,205.82		5,366,915.82
Collections & Fees	288,679.70		41,683.76	0.00	16,282.22	111,562.74	1,913,974.18	454,924.29	2,827,106.89
Interest	36,609.20			781.26	38.07		285.19	105.72	37,819.44
Performance Guarantees								2,500.00	2,500.00
Gifts			5,351.93	1,050.00		525.00	74,564.70		81,491.63
Temporary Loans									0.00
Other					250.00		8,900.00	36,225.21	45,375.21
Total Revenues	403,001.90	678,449.51	1,663,362.22	557,644.25	865,978.26	112,087.74	3,586,929.89	493,755.22	8,361,208.99
Expenditures:									
General Government	123,986.77			298,206.35			719,196.11	38,714.00	1,180,103.23
Protection of Persons & Property			136,134.39	110,082.05			180,538.32	387,059.57	813,814.33
Education			1,284,279.28	177,525.00	653,626.42	19,864.18	543,041.35	38,865.03	2,717,201.26
Department of Public Works		617,535.91		72,996.17			11,458.22	14,400.00	716,390.30
Human Services			168,397.76	26,259.20			22,843.35	0.00	217,500.31
Culture & Recreation				74,917.99			163,631.02	0.00	238,549.01
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	123,986.77	617,535.91	1,588,811.43	759,986.76	653,626.42	19,864.18	1,640,708.37	479,038.60	5,883,558.44
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	279,015.13	60,913.60	74,550.79	(202,342.51)	212,351.84	92,223.56	1,946,221.52	14,716.62	2,477,650.55
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In			465.41	6,944.03			40,211.92		47,621.36
Operating Transfers Out			1.83	184.13			970,600.00		970,785.96
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	463.58	6,759.90	0.00	0.00	(930,388.08)	0.00	(923,164.60)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	279,015.13	60,913.60	75,014.37	(195,582.61)	212,351.84	92,223.56	1,015,833.44	14,716.62	1,554,485.95
Audit Adjustments									0.00
Balance 7-1-20	602,484.79	(55,204.58)	380,791.36	220,249.60	(33,394.33)	109,923.42	2,866,586.91	188,602.29	4,280,039.46
Balance 6-30-21	881,499.92	5,709.02	455,805.73	24,666.99	178,957.51	202,146.98	3,882,420.35	203,318.91	5,834,525.41

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Captial Projects & Equip	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				$0.00
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Rebates				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,785,000.00	$1,785,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,785,000.00	$1,785,000.00
Expenditures:				
Construction				$0.00
Equipment			$32,641.00	$32,641.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans			$1,600,000.00	$1,600,000.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$1,632,641.00	$1,632,641.00
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$152,359.00	$0.00
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In			$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Operation Transfers Out			$0.00	$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$25,000.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$0.00	$177,359.00	$177,359.00
Fund Balance 7-1-20	($790.35)	$12,128.52	($118,163.05)	($106,824.88)
Fund Balance 6-30-21	($790.35)	$12,128.52	$59,195.95	$70,534.12

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,461,022.00	1,641,552.58	180,530.58
Sewer Assessments	130,000.00	137,947.98	7,947.98
Sewer Connections	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	1,611,022.00	1,804,500.56	193,478.56
Expenditures:			
Environmental	1,322,231.00	1,136,595.99	185,635.01
Debt & Interest	422,712.00	422,709.66	2.34
Prior Year Expenditures	30,754.19	28,156.69	2,597.50
Total Expenditures	1,775,697.19	1,587,462.34	185,637.35
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		217,038.22	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		217,038.22	
Fund Balance 7/1/20		368,654.44	
Fund Balance 6/30/21		585,692.66	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	338,076.00	424,125.00	86,049.00
Sale of Recycling	3,000.00	4,170.15	1,170.15
Total Revenue	341,076.00	428,295.15	87,219.15
Expenditures:			
Environmental	398,015.00	398,015.00	0.00
Prior Year Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	398,015.00	398,015.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		30,280.15	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		30,280.15	
Fund Balance 7/1/20		152,315.14	
Fund Balance 6/30/21		182,595.29	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	343,782.00	355,848.29	12,066.29
Total Revenue	343,782.00	355,848.29	12,066.29
Expenditures:			
Environmental	343,782.00	242,521.54	101,260.46
Prior Year Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	343,782.00	242,521.54	101,260.46
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		113,326.75	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		113,326.75	
Fund Balance 7/1/20		0.00	
Fund Balance 6/30/21		113,326.75	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Balance 7/1/2020	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2021
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	176,437.14	6,600.00		183,037.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00			300.00
	716,397.83	6,600.00		722,997.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Balance 7/1/2020	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2021
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$259,405.43		$22,150.41	$927.17			$280,628.67	$280,628.67
Whiting Street	$59,565.23		$2,703.61				$62,268.84	$62,268.84
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$6,227.10		$319.72				$6,546.82	$6,546.82
Calvin Bridgman High School	$18,412.40		$948.76				$19,361.16	$19,361.16
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$61,558.87		$2,186.91	$4,000.00			$59,745.78	$59,745.78
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$8,359.13		$294.79	$500.00			$8,153.92	$8,153.92
Shumway Scholarship	$1,859.73		$67.14	$100.00			$1,826.87	$1,826.87
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$2,929.56		$269.33				$3,198.89	$3,198.89
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$4,718.55		$265.01				$4,983.56	$4,983.56
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$80,106.84	$250.00	$3,127.32				$83,484.16	$83,484.16
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$66,381.32		$6,951.34				$73,332.66	$73,332.66
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,672.96		$72.80				$1,745.76	$1,745.76
Nellie E. Brown	$2,104.96		$119.53	$19.98			$2,204.51	$2,204.51
Willard Stebbins	$2,884.31		$170.38				$3,054.69	$3,054.69
Vianna E. Somes	$3,055.89		$130.41				$3,186.30	$3,186.30
Pension Fund	$0.00						$0.00	$0.00
Retirement Trust	$0.00						$0.00	$0.00
Conservation Fund	$987.11		$38.35				$1,025.46	$1,025.46
OPEB Liability Trust	$177,884.95		$43,178.29				$221,063.24	$221,063.24
Stabilization Fund	$2,086,428.55		$60,041.06		($400,000.00)		$1,746,469.61	$1,746,469.61
Workers' Compensation Fund	$144,858.32		$4,113.77				$148,972.09	$148,972.09
	$2,989,401.21	$250.00	$147,148.93	$5,547.15	($400,000.00)	$0.00	$2,731,252.99	$2,731,252.99

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY22
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Selectmen	$15,276.00	$14,468.31	$807.69	
Town Administrator	$284,626.00	$284,145.28	$480.72	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable TV Access	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	$0.00	
Cable TV Operations	$65,600.00	$65,033.14 *	$566.86	
Human Resources	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$210.00	$40.00	
Reserve Fund	$22,519.00	$0.00	$22,519.00 **	
Town Accountant	$251,987.00	$244,360.97	$7,626.03	7,600.00
Computer Director	$422,207.00	$383,688.03	$38,518.97	37,797.26
Assessors	$359,552.00	$351,094.87	$8,457.13	1,500.00
Treasurer/Collector	$349,657.00	$338,166.86	$11,490.14	$40.00
Law Account	$71,300.00	$39,212.55	$32,087.45	
Town Clerk	$166,400.00	$165,168.38	$1,231.62	
Election & Registration	$49,256.00	$40,055.67	$9,200.33	
Conservation Commission	$90,904.00	$86,786.60	$4,117.40	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$2,483.59	$2,483.59	$0.00	
Planning Board	$111,029.00	$110,265.81	$763.19	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,750.00	$840.34	$1,909.66	
EDIC	$375.00	$367.76	$7.24	
Agricultural Commission	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	
Lakes Committee	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	$0.00	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$2,000.00	$1,674.41	$325.59	
	$2,289,371.59	$2,143,522.57	$145,849.02	$46,937.26
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$2,448,211.00	$2,364,173.12	$84,037.88	49,902.09
Fire/EMS Department	$1,955,030.00	$1,936,632.38	$18,397.62	3,935.55
Hydrant Service	$28,156.00	$28,156.00	$0.00	0.00
Injured on Duty	$8,000.00	$2,310.00	$5,690.00	1,210.00
Regional Lockup Assessment	$13,917.00	$13,917.00	$0.00	
Inspection Services	$192,927.00	$184,962.23	$7,964.77	
Civil Defense	$1,560.00	$637.67	$922.33	
Dog Officer	$101,106.00	$88,684.61	$12,421.39	$162.22
	$4,748,907.00	$4,619,473.01	$129,433.99	$55,209.86
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$30,509,793.00	$29,377,468.28 *	$1,132,324.72	$1,020,557.23
Regional School	$1,136,059.00	$1,101,305.00	$34,754.00	
	$31,645,852.00	$30,478,773.28	$1,167,078.72	$1,020,557.23

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY22
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$975,519.00	$973,649.70	$1,869.30	
Professional Engineering	$36,500.00	$35,927.75	$572.25	126.23
Administration	$20,570.00	$20,501.10	$68.90	
Snow & Ice Control	$228,500.00	$218,026.28 *	$10,473.72	
Street Lighting	$40,500.00	$38,602.58	$1,897.42	
Road Machinery	$180,500.00	$176,329.53	$4,170.47	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$204,500.00	$204,366.01	$133.99	
Town Garage	$34,550.00	$33,029.62	$1,520.38	
Hired Services	$234,000.00	$234,000.00	$0.00	
Maintenance/Grounds	$512,120.00	$492,473.81	$19,646.19	6,715.77
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$53,720.00	$53,705.26	$14.74	24.55
Finnerty House	$8,030.00	$8,010.68	$19.32	
EMS Building	$8,050.00	$8,015.34	$34.66	
Police Station	$54,015.00	$54,015.00	$0.00	
Senior Center Building	$45,145.00	$45,143.25	$1.75	
Recreation Building	$24,600.00	$24,600.00	$0.00	
Freedom Center	$14,190.00	$14,145.58	$44.42	
Fam Ctr/Franklin School Buildi	$8,900.00	$8,479.34	$420.66	
Fire Station	$36,940.00	$36,031.11	$908.89	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$19,991.00	$19,991.00	$0.00	
Animal Control Building	$9,575.00	$9,090.91	$484.09	
Old Town Hall	$11,525.00	$11,281.16	$243.84	
Town Common	$5,700.00	$4,291.67	$1,408.33	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$33,200.00	$31,593.13	$1,606.87	
	$2,801,440.00	$2,755,899.81	$45,540.19	$6,866.55
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$38,056.00	$32,547.32	$5,508.68	$24.18
Quabbin Health District	$185,729.03	$185,729.03	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$558,025.00	$512,202.07	$45,822.93	
Veterans' Services	$323,104.00	$271,333.00	$51,771.00	
	$1,104,914.03	$1,001,811.42	$103,102.61	$24.18
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$535,918.00	$509,214.65	$26,703.35	
Recreation Department	$308,399.00	$302,763.15	$5,635.85	$1,600.00
Recreation - Pool	$33,850.00	$33,850.00	$0.00	
Town Beach	$2,470.00	$1,709.59	$760.41	
Historic District	$348.00	$0.00	$348.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$216.00	$284.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$881,785.00	$847,753.39	$34,031.61	$1,600.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY22
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$61,150.00	$55,644.25	$5,505.75	
Pensions	$3,511,513.00	$3,511,513.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$8,000.00	$0.00	$8,000.00	
Unemployment	$20,000.00	$2,610.56	$17,389.44	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$1,264,120.00	$1,176,466.19	$87,653.81	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,548.00	$2,695.88	$1,852.12	
Medicare-Town Share	$125,000.00	$117,456.99	$7,543.01	
General Insurance	$444,492.00	$442,271.40	$2,220.60	
One-time/Capital	$61,000.00	$24,175.56	$36,824.44	$36,000.00
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$0.00	-$356.88	$356.88	
	$5,499,823.00	$5,332,476.95	$167,346.05	$36,000.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$1,945,000.00	$1,920,000.00	$25,000.00	
Interest	$252,420.00	$251,698.87	$721.13	
	$2,197,420.00	$2,171,698.87	$25,721.13	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$33,239.07	$19,628.83	$13,610.24	$4,000.00
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$8,047.30	$7,913.05	$134.25	
School Department	$360,759.36	$284,885.16	$75,874.20	
Public Works	$26,141.13	$20,414.95	$5,726.18	$4,102.84
Unclassified	$11,426.30	$5,332.80	$6,093.50	
Human Services	$24.18	$24.18	$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Capital & one time	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
	$439,637.34	$338,198.97	$101,438.37	$8,102.84

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY22
SUMMARY				
General Government	$2,289,371.59	$2,143,522.57	$145,849.02	$46,937.26
Protection of Persons/Property	$4,748,907.00	$4,619,473.01	$129,433.99	$55,209.86
Education	$31,645,852.00	$30,478,773.28	$1,167,078.72	$1,020,557.23
Public Works	$2,801,440.00	$2,755,899.81	$45,540.19	$6,866.55
Human Services	$1,104,914.03	$1,001,811.42	$103,102.61	$24.18
Culture & Recreation	$881,785.00	$847,753.39	$34,031.61	$1,600.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$5,499,823.00	$5,332,476.95	$167,346.05	$36,000.00
Debt & Interest	$2,197,420.00	$2,171,698.87	$25,721.13	$0.00
	$51,169,512.62	$49,351,409.30	$1,818,103.32	$1,167,195.08
Encumbered Funds	$439,637.34	$338,198.97	$101,438.37	$8,102.84
TOTALS	$51,609,149.96	$49,689,608.27	$1,919,541.69	$1,175,297.92

* Unencumbered balance of Cable tv access channel ops goes back to Receipts Reserved acct, eoy
**Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

FISCAL 2019 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	29,553.97
COLLECTED	$	29,553.97		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	29,553.97	$	29,553.97
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	423,115.59
TO TAX TITLE	$	70,443.00		
REFUNDED			$	557.68
ABATED	$	2,738.22		
COLLECTED	$	330,472.78		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	20,019.27		
	$	423,673.27	$	423,673.27
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2021				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	14,112,766.69
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	14,983,398.14
REFUNDED			$	176,245.49
TO TAX TITLE	$	52,399.91		
TO POSSESSION	$	2,291.63		
ABATED	$	152,095.99		
COLLECTED	$	28,828,135.78		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	237,487.01		
	$	29,272,410.32	$	29,272,410.32
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2022				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	14,655,800.59
OUTSTANDING 0	$	14,655,800.59		
	$	14,655,800.59	$	14,655,800.59
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2020				
OUSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	17,715.35
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	22,484.38
COLLECTED	$	40,199.73		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	40,199.73	$	40,199.73
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2021				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	75,948.11
COLLECTED	$	73,219.37		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	2,728.74		
	$	75,948.11	$	75,948.11
CPA 2019				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	97.34
COLLECTED	$	97.34		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	97.34	$	97.34
CPA 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	3,282.78
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	287.71
REFUNDED			$	7.85
TO TAX TITLE	$	480.46		
ABATED	$	13.82		
COLLECTED	$	3,056.86		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	27.20		
	$	3,578.34	$	3,578.34

CPA 2021				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	137,318.27
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	151,547.40
REFUNDED			$	260.97
TO TAX TITLE	$	431.10		
TO POSSESSION	$	6.47		
ABATED	$	2,252.29		
COLLECTED	$	284,965.00		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	1,471.78		
	$	289,126.64	$	289,126.64
CPA 2022				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	145,155.16
OUTSTANDING 0	$	145,155.16		
	$	145,155.16	$	145,155.16
2020 SEWER CHARGES				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	415,401.22
REFUNDED			$	4,735.29
TO LIEN	$	41,568.81		
COLLECTED	$	378,567.70		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	420,136.51	$	420,136.51
2020 SEWER LIENS				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	9,994.96
TO TAX TITLE	$	5,682.72		
COLLECTED	$	4,312.24		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	9,994.96	$	9,994.96
2021 SEWER CHARGES				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	1,563,676.28
REFUNDED			$	711.22
COLLECTED	$	1,216,740.12		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	347,647.38		
	$	1,564,387.50	$	1,564,387.50
2021 SEWER LIENS				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	45,912.27
TO TAX TITLE	$	3,185.19		
TO POSSESSION	$	932.88		
COLLECTED	$	39,196.92		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	2,597.28		
	$	45,912.27	$	45,912.27
FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	1,982.45
COLLECTED	$	1,982.45		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	-		
	$	1,982.45	$	1,982.45
FISCAL 2017 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	1,919.37
COLLECTED	$	1,919.37		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	-		
	$	1,919.37	$	1,919.37

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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FISCAL 2019 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	3,031.83
ABATED	$	274.80		
COLLECTED	$	119.75		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	2,637.28		
	$	3,031.83	$	3,031.83
FISCAL 2020 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	9,621.12
ABATED	$	640.22		
COLLECTED	$	4,390.76		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	4,590.14		
	$	9,621.12	$	9,621.12
FISCAL 2021 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	356,061.23
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	354,980.50
REFUNDED			$	1,174.85
COLLECTED	$	703,383.80		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	8,832.78		
	$	712,216.58	$	712,216.58
FISCAL 2022 PERS PROP				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	363,929.27
OUTSTANDING 6	$	363,929.27		
	$	363,929.27	$	363,929.27
2021 STORMWATER				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	394,118.40
REFUNDED			$	6,406.94
ABATED	$	2,630.40		
COLLECTED	$	360,977.87		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	36,917.07		
	$	400,525.34	$	400,525.34
2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	5,047.41
ABATED	$	4,677.41		
COLLECTED	$	370.00		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	5,047.41	$	5,047.41
2016 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	5,724.21
ABATED	$	5,597.23		
COLLECTED	$	126.98		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	-		
	$	5,724.21	$	5,724.21
2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	10,754.28
REFUNDED			$	103.54
ABATED	$	103.54		
COLLECTED	$	1,467.92		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	9,286.36		
	$	10,857.82	$	10,857.82

FISCAL 2018 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	1,829.91
OUTSTANDING 0	$	1,829.91		
	$	1,829.91	$	1,829.91
2018 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	14,884.32
REFUNDED			$	175.21
ABATED	$	586.67		
COLLECTED	$	3,102.20		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	11,370.66		
	$	15,059.53	$	15,059.53
2019 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			$	32,395.10
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	68.75
REFUNDED			$	178.44
ABATED	$	674.07		
COLLECTED	$	20,436.36		
OUTSTANDING 0	$	11,531.86		
	$	32,642.29	$	32,642.29
2020 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	190,156.08
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	198,494.43
REFUNDED			$	14,608.64
ABATED	$	19,869.76		
COLLECTED	$	358,126.90		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	25,262.49		
	$	403,259.15	$	403,259.15
2021 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	2,092,962.55
REFUNDED			$	16,698.74
ABATED	$	80,062.35		
COLLECTED	$	1,542,907.80		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	486,691.14		
	$	2,109,661.29	$	2,109,661.29
2020 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020			$	3,011.39
TO TAX LIEN	$	1,347.88		
COLLECTED	$	1,663.51		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	3,011.39	$	3,011.39
2021 TRILAKES BETT				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	127,058.55
TO TAX LIEN	$	670.65		
TO TAX POSSES	$	670.65		
COLLECTED	$	125,717.25		
OUTSTANDING 6	$	-		
	$	127,058.55	$	127,058.55

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

COMSTAR			
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2020			597279.16
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			3195336.7
REFUNDED		$	454.29
ABATED	$ 2,033,686.46		
COLLECTED	$ 1,006,768.14		
OUTSTANDING 0	$ 752,615.55		
	$ 3,526,337.60	$	3,526,337.60

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020		$	508,788.84
COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE		$	47.22
APPORTIONED F	$ 124,567.21		
COLLECTED	$ 10,567.22		
OUTSTANDING 6	$ 373,701.63		
	$ 508,836.06	$	508,836.06

MISCELLANEOUS REC.			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2020		$	11,806.52
COMMITTED		$	32,735.15
COLLECTED	$ 38,749.71		
OUTSTANDING 6	$ 5,791.96		
	$ 75,497.06	$	75,497.06

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR		
JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30,2021		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	$	34,616,499.62
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	1,006,768.14
TOTAL	$	35,623,267.76

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES	$	34,122,898.73
INTEREST/FEES	$	186,760.24
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	$	18,562.03
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	$	288,278.62
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	1,006,768.14
TOTAL	$	35,623,267.76

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30,2021

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2020	$	11,249,196.15	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$	70,904,778.61
RECEIPTS	$	74,480,978.36	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2021	$	14,825,395.90
	$	85,730,174.51		$	85,730,174.51

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, AND SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 89,134.16

ACCOUNT	TRUST FUNDS BALANCE 7/1/2020	DEPOSITS	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2021
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 24,412.40		$ 948.76		$ 25,361.16
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 8,227.10		$ 319.72		$ 8,546.82
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$ 11,246.50	$ 14,641.21	$ 15.32	$ (2,000.00)	$ 23,903.03
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 61,558.87		$ 2,186.91	$ (4,000.00)	$ 59,745.78
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 8,359.13		$ 294.79	$ (500.00)	$ 8,153.92
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	$ 1,859.73		$ 67.14	$ (100.00)	$ 1,826.87
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,872.96		$ 72.80		$ 1,945.76
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 4,384.31		$ 170.38		$ 4,554.69
VIANNA SOMES	$ 3,355.89		$ 130.41		$ 3,486.30
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,104.96		$ 119.53	$ (19.98)	$ 3,204.51
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 245,040.04	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,951.34	$ (1,621.58)	$ 256,369.80
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 772,266.12	$ -	$ 25,470.41	$ (4,247.17)	$ 793,489.36
WHITING STREET	$ 69,565.23		$ 2,703.61		$ 72,268.84
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 6,818.55		$ 265.01		$ 7,083.56
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 6,929.56		$ 269.33		$ 7,198.89
CONSERVATION	$ 987.11		$ 38.35		$ 1,025.46
SENIOR CENTER	$ 79,841.84	$ 415.00	$ 3,127.32		$ 83,384.16
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 2,086,428.55		$ 60,041.06	$ (400,000.00)	$ 1,746,469.61
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 144,858.32		$ 4,113.77		$ 148,972.09
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$ 7,672.66	$ 1,008.65	$ 245.29	$ (2,200.88)	$ 6,725.72
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$ 14,318.80	$ 12,434.71	$ 781.26	$ (8,257.28)	$ 19,277.49
OPEB	$ 177,884.95		$ 43,178.29		$ 221,063.24
TOTALS	**$ 3,740,993.58**	**$ 34,499.57**	**$ 151,510.80**	**$ (422,946.89)**	**$ 3,504,057.06**

FOOTNOTE: It is the policy of this office based on the request of the Town's financial audit firm that we record to the market values of the investments in our portfolio. Position and account values shown are based on trade date and do not necessarily reflect th actual current market prices or redemption value at the time of sale. Over 87% of the Town's investments are held in fixed income products and all investments are made in compliance of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 54, Sec. 55, 55B and M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Sec 20

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#1002- FY2019 CAPITAL PRJECTS	GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	10/30/2020	$ 1,710,000.00	10/29/2021	0.57%
#1003-PARSONS FIELD/ N WASH ST LAND	GREENFIELD COOPERATIVE BANK	6/4/2021	$ 137,500.00	6/3/2022	0.34%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN CLERK
2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	$750.00	$1,010.00	$1,050.00	$1,050.00	$850.00	$970.00	$690.00	$660.00	$700.00	$1,450.00	$940.00	$590.00	$10,710.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	$180.00	$30.00	$60.00	$180.00	$90.00	$180.00	$370.00	$330.00	$360.00	$90.00	$120.00	$150.00	$2,140.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$150.00	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00
BURIAL PERMIT	$60.00	$45.00	$105.00	$45.00	$90.00	$75.00	$15.00	$60.00	$45.00	$120.00	$60.00	$45.00	$765.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	$800.00	$800.00	$680.00	$320.00	$520.00	$200.00	$320.00	$480.00	$480.00	$400.00	$240.00	$200.00	$5,440.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	$25.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$35.00
ONLINE DOG LICENSE	$25.00	$8.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$33.00
ONLINE DOG FINES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
DOG FINES	$0.00	$450.00	$3,242.00	$3,487.50	$1,383.00	$1,025.25	$660.00	$1,010.00	$2,430.00	$2,300.00	$300.00	$50.00	$16,337.75
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$45.00	$50.00	$573.00	$110.00	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00	$300.00	$1,178.00
DOG LICENSE	$9,575.00	$6,915.00	$2,380.00	$1,480.00	$677.00	$537.00	$0.00	$699.00	$857.00	$777.00	$115.00	$9,576.00	$33,588.00
DOG GIFT FUND	$0.00	$21.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5.00	$16.00	$0.00	$0.00	$42.00
DOG LICENSE POSTAGE	$759.00	$545.00	$136.00	$90.00	$41.00	$30.00	$33.00	$34.00	$47.00	$52.25	$6.00	$674.00	$2,447.25
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	$0.00	$1,750.00	$525.00	$225.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$25.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,525.00
PARKING CITATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	$125.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	$1,825.00	$125.00	$350.00	$1,375.00	$475.00	$0.00	$375.00	$125.00	$325.00	$6,100.00
POLE ORDER	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120.00	$0.00	$210.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	$0.00	$15.00	$0.00	$15.00	$0.00	$0.00	$15.00	$45.00	$30.00	$45.00	$15.00	$0.00	$180.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$140.00	$0.00	$40.00	$20.00	$0.00	$240.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$150.00
MSC SALES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18.95	$0.00	$68.95
TOTAL	$12,489.00	$11,589.00	$9,178.00	$8,757.50	$3,851.00	$3,467.25	$4,051.00	$4,073.00	$5,129.00	$5,815.25	$2,179.95	$11,910.00	$82,489.95

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa A. Camerlin, Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK
2021 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

PLACE	MALE	FEMALE
BELCHERTOWN	2	0
BOSTON	0	1
GREENFIELD	2	0
NORTHAMPTON	16	15
SPRINGFIELD	34	41
WORCESTER	1	0
	55	57

MARRIAGES:

	MALE	FEMALE
BELCHERTOWN RESIDENT	46	49
NON-RESIDENT	20	17
MARRIED IN BELCHERTOWN	24	
MARRIED OUT-OF-TOWN	42	

DEATHS

	MALE	FEMALE
BELCHERTOWN RESIDENT	64	63
NON-RESIDENT	0	2
	64	65

PLACE OF DEATH:

AGAWAM	1	HOLYOKE	2
AMHERST	7	LUDLOW	1
ATHOL	1	MONSON	1
BELCHERTOWN	54	NORTHAMPTON	10
BOSTON	1	ORANGE	1
CHICOPEE	1	PALMER	10
EAST LONGMEADOW	2	SOUTH HADLEY	1
GRANBY	1	SPRINGFIELD	28
HADLEY	2	WILBRAHAM	3
HINGHAM	1	WORCESTER	1

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

BELCHERTOWN - May 17, 2021

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Town Clerk	Theresa A. Camerlin		271	228	302	175	976
3 years	Sundry Write-ins		0	2	0	0	2
(Vote for One)		Blanks	55	38	69	63	225
		Total	326	268	371	238	1203
Select Board	Ronald E. Aponte		199	170	266	121	756
3 years	George D. Archible		141	134	182	82	539
(Vote for two)	Nicholas Pucel		185	141	176	156	658
	Sundry Write-ins		5	2	0	6	13
		Blank	122	89	118	111	440
		Total	652	536	742	476	2406
School Committee	Ruby Bansal		196	125	172	149	642
3 years	Amy BW Lamothe		149	119	168	115	551
(Vote for two)	Sean Michael Lavalley		59	60	88	41	248
	Jonathan Wayne Ritter		129	128	165	95	517
	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	0	0	2
		Blanks	117	104	149	76	446
		Total	652	536	742	476	2406
Planning Board	Daniel R. Beaudette		230	202	264	156	852
5 years	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	1	2
(Vote for one)		Blank	96	65	107	81	349
		Total	326	268	371	238	1203
Board of Assessors	Donald L Minney		234	209	273	156	872
3 years	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	0	0	2
(Vote for one)		Blank	91	58	98	82	329
		Total	326	268	371	238	1203
Board of Health	Colleen M Duroshea		244	211	265	164	884
3 years	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0	1
(Vote for one)		Blank	82	56	106	74	318
		Total	326	268	371	238	1203
Housing Authority							
5 year	Judith A. O'Kulsky		234	202	263	148	847
(Vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	92	66	108	90	356
		Total	326	268	371	238	1203

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	721	670	650	857	2898
	Republican	376	406	453	247	1482
	Unenrolled	1694	1817	1763	1675	6949
	Other	52	55	35	40	182
	Total	2843	2948	2901	2819	11511

Vote Cast on 5/17/2021

10.50%	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		326	268	371	238	1203

Attest: Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held June 12, 2021 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium.
FY21
Moderator – Amanda Halperin
Meeting called to order 9:17AM
Registered voters present – 187 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the return of the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Assessors Wage	$110.00	Select Board Salary
Assessors Wage	$1,015.00	Planning Board Salary
Assessors Wage	$1,100.00	Town Accountant Expense
Assessors Wage	$100.00	Hydrant Service
Health Insurance-Town Share	$60,000.00	Fire Department Wage
Snow Removal	$13,500.00	Street Lighting
Town Garage	$1,500.00	Highway Administration
Senior Center Wage	$5,500.00	Police Station
Freedom Center	$2,000.00	Recreation Building
Tadgell Building	$4,000.00	Old Town Hall
Human Resources Salary	$25,000.00	Streets/Construction

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required –Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to take no action to transfer a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of a prior year as there were no unpaid bills from the prior year.

(Vote – Majority Required –Majority Yes)

Article 3 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under §91-6 Employee Benefits, B (3) (a) Holidays:
Add: Juneteenth Independence Day (June 19th)

Inserting Grade 8 for the Stormwater Coordinator/Assistant Conservation Administrator Position.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Meeting Adjourned 9:22AM

Attest:
Theresa Camerlin
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 12, 2021
FY21

Article 4 I move the Town transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$123,825.00	$110 from Assessors Wage to Select Board Salary; $1015 from Assessors Wage to Planning Board Salary; $1100 from Assessors Wage to Town Accountant Expense; $100 from Assessors Wage to Hydrant Services; $60,000 from Health Insurance-Town Share to Fire Department Wage; $10,000 from Board of Health Wage to Highway Department Wage; $13,500 from Snow Removal to Street Lighting; $1500 from Town Garage to Highway Administration; $5,500 from Senior Center Wage to Police Station; $2,000 from Freedom Center to Recreation Building; $4,000 from Tadgell Building to Old Town Hall; $25,000 from Human Resources Salary to Streets/Construction
TOTAL	$123,825.00	

Adjourned 9:22AM

Attest:
Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting held June 12, 2021 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium.
FY22
Moderator – Amanda Halperin
Meeting called to order 9:33am
Registered voters present 187 – (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the return of the Warrant
Charly Oliva, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Stephanie Hoag, Belchertown High School Class of 2024.

Motion made and seconded to change the order of business to move article 30 to before article 1. Vote could not be determined. Moderator called for a hand count.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No (Yes 49, No 97))

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Linda Tsoumas as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth H. Snow for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.

(Vote – Majority Required –Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:

- Assessors $17.50
- Board of Health Members $7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required –Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as shown in the Finance Committee's report; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,261,757.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,025,570.00 and appropriate the sum of $900,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $4,925,570.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,798,060.00 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-0-1)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,147,827.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,964,360.00 for the DPW-Highway, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $309,007.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $95,376.00 for a total appropriation of $404,383.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $203,979.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,556,437.00 for a total appropriation of $1,760,416.00, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts the sum of $337,305.00 to the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $956,710.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $916,126.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $836,235.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,173,790.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $556,916.00, for a total appropriation of $5,730,706.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $64,298.00, to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,999,326.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $175,000.00 for a total appropriation of $2,174,326.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 10 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

- **Under § 91-2, Applicability; collective bargaining; equal opportunity: Insert in the first sentence of paragraph A,** the word "Fire Chief" as shown in **bold** print below:

  "This chapter shall be applicable to all persons in the service or employment of the Town of Belchertown, except officials elected by popular vote, members of collective bargaining units, the Town Administrator, Police Chief, Library Director, **Fire Chief**..."

- **In Chapter 91, Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:**

Replace Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with new chart as follows:

Director of Public Works	$94,891 - $121,134
Police Lieutenant	$82,806 - $95,770
Director of Information Technology	$79,076 - $100,945
Town Planner	$79,079 - $100,945
Town Treasurer-Collector	$75,311 - $96,139
Town Accountant	$75,311 - $96,139
Building Commissioner	$75,311 - $96,139
Director of Assessments	$75,311 - $96,139
Conservation Administrator	$72,413 - $92,441
Council on Aging Executive Director	$72,413 - $92,441
Director of Parks & Recreation	$72,413 - $92,441
Veterans' Agent	$69,629 - $88,886
Human Resources Director	

- **In Chapter 91, Attachment 2, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:**

Remove the compensation chart effective July 1, 2020 to end June 30, 2021 and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2021 to end June 30, 2022

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	12.35	12.69	13.04	13.38	13.75	14.15	14.52	14.92	15.34	15.76
2	16.04	16.49	16.95	17.42	17.89	18.38	18.89	19.40	19.94	20.50
3	18.46	18.97	19.49	20.03	20.58	21.14	21.72	22.32	22.93	23.55
4	21.21	21.80	22.40	23.01	23.66	24.31	24.99	25.66	26.37	27.08
5	23.36	23.98	24.65	25.33	26.01	26.74	27.48	28.22	29.03	29.81
6	25.69	26.38	27.10	27.87	28.63	29.40	30.22	31.06	31.90	32.78
7	28.25	29.04	29.82	30.65	31.48	32.35	33.25	34.15	35.09	36.07
8	29.38	30.19	31.01	31.86	32.75	33.65	34.57	35.53	36.50	37.51
9	30.56	31.41	32.25	33.15	34.05	35.00	35.96	36.94	37.96	39.02
10	32.70	33.58	34.52	35.48	36.43	37.45	38.48	39.54	40.63	41.74

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of $65,600.00 to be used for operations of the Belchertown Community Channel, and anything incidental or related thereto, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into one or more agreements to lease/purchase photocopiers for the Lawrence Memorial Hall, Select Board's Office, the Senior Center, the Recreation Department, and/or any other office requiring a photocopier, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C, for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payments of such agreements with the amounts appropriated in paragraphs 2, 3, 6, 10, & 11 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this June 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 13 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 to the Belchertown Cultural Council (BCC) expense account to be used for the purpose of providing engaging arts and cultural programming for the Belchertown Community.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 14 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by changing the phrases "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" to "Select Board" wherever it appears.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 15 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding the following new section to Chapter 129 Vehicles and Traffic, Article 1, General Provisions:

§129.5. Equines on public roads.

A. Equine riders utilizing public roadways ½ hour prior to sunset until ½ hour after dawn must wear, in a conspicuous manner on chest, back, and on said equine, a minimum of 500 square inches of reflective material. This reflective material shall be properly displayed on both horse and rider and visible from all four sides.

B. In addition to any other enforcement method authorized by law, this By-Law may be enforced by any police officer of the Town of Belchertown through the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in MGL c. 40, §21D and the Town's Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law. If Non-Criminal Disposition is elected, violations of the foregoing section shall be punishable by a warning for first offense, fine of $100 second offense, $250 third offense, and $300 for fourth and subsequent offenses.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend Article X of the Town's Zoning By-Law, Common Drive Development, as previously amended, as shown below, with additions shown in **bold** and deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~:

ARTICLE X

Common Drive Development
§ 145-42. Definitions; intent.
A. Definitions. Refer to § 145-2 of this chapter.
B. Intent. This article is meant to allow for a minor residential development alternative to conventional subdivision development. **It is limited to providing access to residential lots only**. The purpose of a common drive development is to result in less environmental damage than a conventional subdivision or separate curb cuts for each lot would cause, **or to provide significantly improved traffic safety by minimizing individual driveways intersecting withthe street.**
C. ~~Minor common drive. A minor drive that serves only two lots and is less than 600 feet long maybe approved by the Department of Public Works upon submittal of an owners' maintenance agreement, a plan showing the right-of-way, and a grade and stormwater plan meeting the standards of the town's curb-cut bylaw, and does not require a special permit. The owners' maintenance agreement and right-of-way must be recorded with the deeds of each property.~~
D. Special permit ~~common driveway~~ requirement. ~~A two-lot drive longer than 600 feet, and any common drive serving up to six lots, is subject to a common drive development special~~

~~permit from the Planning Board under this article.~~ **A common drive is subject to a common drive development special permit from the Planning Board under this article.**

§ 145-43. Special permit granting authority; waivers.

A. The Belchertown Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for all purposes under this article and shall adopt rules and regulations with respect to the administration of applications or special permits under this article, subject to the conditions set forth below and inaccordance with the provisions of § 145-69 of this chapter and MGL c. 40A, §§ 9 and 11, as amended.

B. Waiver of compliance. The Belchertown Planning Board, acting as the special permit granting authority under this article, in appropriate cases, may waive strict compliance with such requirements of this article as provided in MGL c. 40A, § 9, where such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Act or this chapter. The applicant shall submit waiver requests in writing. Waivers granted by the Planning Board under this subsection maybe limited by conditions which shall be endorsed on the plan to which said conditions relate or set forth in a separate instrument attached to the plan.

§ 145-44. Standards.

The driveway of a common drive development shall be constructed to minimum standards as described in this article. The following regulations shall apply to a common drive development:

A. The common drive:
   (1) Shall not be extended and shall not be an extension of an existing common drive;
   (2) Shall not be connected to any other public way except the way from which it originates;
   (3) ~~Shall serve no more than six lots.~~ **Shall serve no more than three lots.**
   (4) A common drive **shall be** no longer than ~~600~~ **400** feet. For purposes of this paragraph, thelength of the common drive shall be measured from its intersection with the public way from which it originates to the most distant point serving more than one lot; and
   (5) Shall enter from the same public way which serves as frontage for the lots in the commondrive development, unless unique circumstances are such that the Planning Board may permit access from a public way not fronting every lot in the common drive development.

B. A lot may be served by the common drive only if the ownership of that lot provides mandatory membership in an owners' association responsible for annual and long-term maintenance, including, but not limited to, removal of ice and snow from the common drive. ~~See § 145- 45B(14).~~ **See 145-45D(13).**

C. A common drive development shall only be allowed for single- dwelling or duplex residentialuse.

D. Each lot shall ~~have legal frontage on~~ **abut** a public way meeting the requirements of the zoning bylaw in effect with regard to the district in which the lot is located at the time of the application. All other dimensional requirements, as defined in § 145-16 of the Zoning Bylaw, for lots served by a common driveway, including but not limited to lot area, coverage, width, and setback of front, side and rear yards, as measured in relation to the street serving as the legalfrontage for the lots, shall be the same as would be required for those lots had they not shared a common driveway. A lot in more than one zone shall be governed by the requirements for the zone in which the majority (more than 50%) of the lot is located.

E. Each lot shall front on the common drive right-of-way for a minimum distance of twenty feet orfor such distance as the Planning Board deems necessary to provide adequate access to the interior of the lot from said right-of-way.

F. In accordance with § 145-69A(1) and § 145-42B, the Planning Board may issue a special

permitfor a common drive development if the applicant demonstrates to the Planning Board that the construction of the common drive will:

(1) Cause less environmental damage to the lots, specifically to wetland resource areas and slopes, than either separate driveways or a subdivision, while allowing vehicular access toeach lot; and

(2) Provide a safer alternative to multiple driveway curb cuts.

§ 145-45. Administration.

A. Special permit granting authority. After notice and public hearing in accordance with Section 9of the Zoning Act (MGL c. 40A, § 9), the Planning Board may, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Director of Public Works, andTown Engineer, grant such a special permit, provided that the conditions in § 145-44 and the requirements of § 145-45A and § 145-45B have been met.

B. Requirements. The application for a special permit pursuant to this article shall be accompaniedby a site plan showing all of the applicable information stipulated in this article. At the discretion of the Planning Board, an environmental analysis may be required. The common drive development shall comply with ~~applicable stormwater runoff control standards established by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, or US Environmental Protection Agency. Drainage shall be designed and constructed to contain stormwater runoff on the premises or in a manner that will not have a detrimental effect on other properties.~~ **the Belchertown Storm Water Regulations, as may be amended from time-to-time.**

C. Alternatives Analysis. The applicant must provide an analysis of alternatives to the common drive plan. This shall show other ways the applicant could accomplish a nearly equivalent development. The purpose of this is to demonstrate the value of the common drive in meeting the intent stated above in § 145-42.

D. Common drive developments shall conform to the following design standards:

(1) Width

Item	Requirement (feet)
Common drive right-of-way	40[1]
Width of common drive plus shoulders	18
Width of gravel base	18[2]
Width of finished surface	14[3]

NOTES:

1. The center line of the common drive shall coincide with the center line of the commondrive right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.
2. The minimum width of the common drive (gravel base) shall be 18 feet, except that where the common drive serves no more than two lots the width may be reduced to 12feet.
3. A gravel surface may be allowed if the common drive serves no more than two lotsand/or complies with Subsection D(8)(a) and (b).

(2) Grades. Maximum grade is 10% to allow for safe winter passage. Minimum grade is 1/2%to provide adequate drainage and avoid pooling of water.

(3) Horizontal alignment. Horizontal alignment should minimize alteration of the land by avoiding steep slopes, ledge, and other natural features. Common drives serving three houses shall have adequate safety precautions for any sharp curves. Curve radii must begreat enough to accommodate delivery vehicles and fire trucks.

(4) Intersections.

(a) The common drive shall be laid out to intersect with the **public way** ~~street~~ as nearly as possible to a right angle. In no case shall **the intersection of the common drive with the public way** ~~street and way intersections~~ be less than

75°.

(b) Intersection approaches shall have a slope of less than 2% for at least 50 feet measured from the edge of the pavement of the intersecting **public way** ~~road~~.

(5) Easements. Easements for utilities and drainage that cannot be contained in the commondrive right-of-way shall be provided where necessary and shall be at least 20 feet wide. Wider easements may be required by the Board if necessary.

(6) Public safety.

(c) Both the Owners' Association agreement and each lot's deed must contain a clause indemnifying the town if emergency vehicles cause property damage in the performance of official duties.

(d) No obstruction, other than a small sign showing the house number, may be located within five feet of the side of each lots' individual driveway intersection with the common drive.

(7) Site and earthwork. Development shall be designed and constructed for as little disturbance as possible to the natural landform. Development shall demonstrate appropriate terrain-adaptive design and construction techniques. Extensive grading shall be avoided. Alternate site design and construction measures are encouraged to mitigate the effects of development on steep slopes.

(a) Natural and cultural features. All natural and cultural features, such as large trees, watercourses, stone walls, scenic points, historic spots, and similar community assets,shall be preserved.

(b) Setting lines and grades. The applicant shall employ a professional engineer or registered land surveyor to set all lines and grades in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Board, Director of Public Works, and the Town Engineer.

(c) Clearing the right-of-way. The area for six feet from the gravel base shall be cleared and grubbed of all stumps, brush, roots, and like material. The Planning Board may require a greater cleared area to accommodate drainage, to improve sight distances, and to accomplish other public purposes. The Planning Board will determine this uponadvice from the Director of Public Works, the Conservation Commission, Town Engineer, or other consulting authority.

(d) Erosion control and bank stabilization during construction. All cleared and excavated land must be secured to prevent erosion. An explanation of proposed erosion controls must be submitted as part of the plan and must satisfy the Planning Board, the Directorof Public Works, the Town Engineer, and the Conservation Commission.

(e) Unsuitable material. All unsuitable material for road construction, such as peat, topsoil, and highly organic silt or clay, or any other material that, in the opinion of theDirector of Public Works, is considered to be detrimental to the subgrade, shall be removed and replaced with suitable gravel.

(f) Subgrade. The subgrade shall be shaped to a true surface conforming to the lines andgrades indicated in the approved plan (cross section and profile) and, where originalground, shall be compacted to a depth of six inches. A tolerance of 1/2 inch above orbelow finished subgrade will be permitted, provided that this difference is not maintained over 50 feet and the required crown (cross slope) is maintained.

(g) Cutting and filling; limitations on cut and fill. The depth of any cut area or the heightof any fill, as measured from natural grade shall not be greater than seven feet. The total combined depth of any cut area or height of any fill as a result of driveway grading or any subsequent grading shall not total more than seven feet, as measured from natural grade. Any cuts and fills for the common drive development must be quantified in the plan.

(h) Fill areas. In fill areas, the embankment shall be ordinary borrow.

(i) Removal of earth from the site. The removal of earth from the subdivision site is regulated by the Town of Belchertown Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 145, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, § 145-29. Site construction is to conform closelyto the natural features. As a result, there should be a minimal amount of earth to be removed. If the developer seeks to remove gravel, sand, or other earth beyond the amount necessary to construct the driveway according to the plan, the developer mustapply for a special permit for earth removal.

(8) Pavement structure.

(a) The common drive surface may have a gravel finish if its slope is between the permitted minimum and 8%, inclusive, except where it is the opinion of the PlanningBoard that the terrain and design results in water being carried along the drive surface (rather than sheeting off at right angles to it), in which case the surface shall be sealed or paved as the Planning Board requires. The drive may have a sealed surface for grades up to 8%, inclusive, except where soil and potential erosion conditions are such that it is the opinion of the Planning Board that a heavier-wear surface is needed. Grades over 8% and others as required by the Planning Board shall be paved.

(b) Gravel finish shall be at least four inches thick, compacted measure. It shall be of a composition suitable, in the opinion of the Planning Board, for the actual drainage conditions and shall contain no stones larger than 1 1/2 inches in size. Where the subbase is firm, well-drained gravel, the Planning Board may permit the substitutionof a four-inch layer of finish gravel for the upper four inches of the gravel base. In noevent will the total gravel thickness be less than 12 inches. If it is the opinion of the Planning Board that a gravel surface or sealed surface is inadequate due to soil andpotential erosion conditions, then a heavier-wear surface will be required.

(c) A common drive that is to be sealed shall be scraped and shaped and the gravel baseupgraded as required by the Planning Board and Director of Public Works. The sealed surface shall consist of a layer of three-eighths-inch stone, two penetration coats of oil at 1/2 gallon per square yard and one sealer coat at 1/3 gallon per squareyard.

(9) Monuments and markers. Monuments shall be installed along the right-of-way at criticalpoints as shown in the plan where, as determined by the Planning Board upon recommendation from the Director of Public Works or the Town Engineer, permanent monuments are necessary for certain location of the right-of-way boundary. Monuments shall be installed under the direction of a Massachusetts registered land surveyor.

(10) Drainage. Drainage system design shall meet the Belchertown Storm Water Regulation standards, as may be amended from time-to-time, and any further conditions imposed by the conservation commission.

~~The drainage design shall consist of an open drainage system consisting of grassed swales and waterways or overland sheet flow, if appropriate, or a closed drainage system meetingMass. DEP stormwater standards. Vegetation shall be retained to assist in water absorption and soil retention. When vegetation must be cleared for construction, the soil must be revegetated immediately with native species per approval by the conservation commission. Outlets from the drainage swales should be properly engineered and avoid damage to wetland resource areas. Stormwater shall not be permitted to cross over the common drive.~~

(d) ~~Construction. Trees, brush, stumps, and other material in objectionable amounts are to be disposed of so as not to interfere with construction or proper functioning. The channel section is to be free of bank projections or other irregularities, which prevent~~normal flow. The waterway or outlet shall be

excavated or shaped to line, grade and ~~cross section as required to meet the criteria specified herein, free of bank~~ projections or the irregularities that will ~~impede normal flow. Earth removed and notneeded in construction is to be spread or disposed of so as not to interfere with the~~ functioning of the waterway. Fills are to be compacted as needed to prevent unequal~~settlement that will cause damage in the completed waterway.~~

(e) ~~Vegetation. Waterways and outlets shall be protected against erosion by vegetation assoon after construction as is practicable and before diversions or other channels are directed into them. Consideration should be given to jute matting, excelsior matting,or sodding of the channel to provide erosion~~ protection as soon after construction as ~~possible.~~

(11) Maintenance. The common drive is established as private property. Maintenance after formal completion is the responsibility of the mandatory owners' association that must becreated under § 145-44B. The Town shall not under any circumstances be held liable forconstruction, reconstruction, maintenance, or snow removal on any common drive.

(12) Name. Common drives shall not be given a name.

(13) Signs. A permanent marker not to exceed six square feet, per § 145-22 of this chapter, shall be placed at the intersection of the common drive and the public way. The sign or marker shall include the designation "private way" as well as house numbers off the publicway. A similar marker shall be placed where the common drive meets each individual lot. Should the common drive split, a permanent marker must also be placed at eachintersection indicating which houses are located on either side of the split.

(14) Restrictions. The site plan shall identify as such all land that is to be held and administeredby the mandatory owners' association. It shall bear restrictions satisfactory to the PlanningBoard, to run with the land, restricting the way shown to remain private property and not to be extended, and any other restrictions and easements that are required for common drive development by these rules. It shall incorporate by reference the document(s), satisfactory to the Planning Board, creating the mandatory owners' association and settingforth restrictive covenants and easements binding present and future owners of all the lotsserved by the common drive. Such document(s) must include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Specific standards for the maintenance of all structures designed to the requirementsof a common drive special permit, including but not limited to the travel way, drainage system and signage.

(b) Provisions for allocating responsibility for snow removal and for maintenance, repair,or reconstruction of the common driveway, drainage system, and signage.

(c) Text of proposed easements including the metes and bounds description.

(d) A procedure for the resolution of disagreements. Said document(s) shall be recordedalong with the site plan and public utility and drainage easements in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds and shall also be recited in and attached to every deed to every lotserved by the common drive.

(15) Fees. Refer to the Planning Board fee schedule as kept by the Town Clerk and Planning Board office. All engineering and legal review costs by the Town's consulting engineer orlegal counsel shall be paid by the applicant.

§ 145-46. Inspections.

A. The common drive shall be inspected prior to each construction step by the Director of Public Works, the Town's consulting engineer, or by other duly appointed representativesof the Planning Board.

B. In lieu of Subsection A, the developer's engineer shall certify, in writing, after each construction step that construction of the road is in substantial accordance with the approved plan and typical cross section.

§ 145-47. Acceptance as a public way.
A common drive designed and constructed in accordance with these requirements is not a street thatmay be accepted as a public way. In granting a special permit for a common drive, the Planning Board shall impose a condition prohibiting the lot owners from petitioning for acceptance of the common drive as a public way, unless the mandatory owners' association presents a petition to the Town demonstrating that the common drive conforms to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, for the construction and laying of ways, including requirements pertaining to cul-de-sac or dead-end streets, and demonstrating that the lots served by the common drive, with structures as built, conform with dimensional regulations (§ 145-16) applicable to the zoning district with respect to lot area, frontage, coverage, setbacks and lot width. A lot divided by the common drive right-of-way shall be considered as two separate lots for purposes of this demonstration, with new lot lines as created by the proposed new public way.

§ 145-48. Lapse of special permit.
A special permit granted under this article shall lapse after 24 months if substantial construction hasnot begun by such date, except for good cause shown and approved by the Planning Board.

§ 145-49. Submission of as-built plans.
Prior to any house served by the common drive receiving a certificate of occupancy, a revised, recordable Mylar of the original submittal showing the actual existing as-built conditions and six paper copies shall be submitted to the Planning Board upon completion of the common drive. ~~A copyshall be submitted in a digital (electronic) format consistent with the town's geographic information system, or GIS. The applicant shall submit the digital copy on 3 1/2 inch diskettes, Iomega zip disc, or CD-ROM. The electronic plan will be reviewed for its content and ability to meet the Town's GISstandards. Failure to submit these data in electronic format or to meet the standards below will delaythe Planning Board's endorsement of the certificate of completion until acceptable digital plans are provided.~~ **Copies of all final documents and plans must be submitted to the planning board in Adobe Acrobat pdf files or subsequent equivalent.**

§ 145-50. Enforcement; appeals; violations and penalties.

A. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for a lot in a common drive development until the necessary special permit is granted and recorded and the appeal period has expired.
B. The Building Inspector shall not issue a certificate of occupancy permit until all work has been completed as approved and the as-built plan has been submitted in corrected form in accordancewith § 145-49.
C. Decisions of the Planning Board regarding special permit approval may be appealed as set forthin the Zoning Act, MGL c. 40A, as amended.
D. Violations of the approved special permit for a common drive or any conditions of approval shallbe subject to the provisions of § 145-67 of this chapter, as amended.
E. The Planning Board may periodically amend or add rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of this article.

Voted to amend Article 16 145-43 B, Waiver of compliance by changing the phrase "inappropriate cases" to read "in appropriate cases". 145-45 Standards, 10 Drainage, delete remainder of section 10 after first paragraph in bold.

Amendment (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 17 Voted to grant the Select Board authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

Motion made and seconded to move the question.
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

(Vote – Majority Required - Vote could not be determined. Moderator called for a hand count on the article. Majority – Yes (106 yes, 60 no))

Article 18 Voted the sums of money specified below, or any other sums, are appropriated to fund the capital projects set forth below, including all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow such sums under G.L. c. 44 §7, or any other enabling authority, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder in accordance with G.L. c. 44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further to authorize the Select Board or their designee to enter into any agreements and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

Item #		Amount
	Police Dept.:	
1.	South End public safety communications equipment relocation/replacement	$ 26,000
	DPW:	
2.	Highway Garage roof coating	30,000
3.	Freedom Center Sprinkler replacement	20,000
4	Recreation Building Sprinkler replacement	20,000
5.	Frame Replacement on two CDL vehicles	80,000
	Fire/EMS:	
6.	Living quarters – Fire Station	250,000
7.	Radio Communications Equipment & infrastructure – Fire Dept.	525,000
8.	AED's, trainers, technology for reporting	93,000
9.	Generator replacement – EMS Building	80,000
	Recreation:	
10.	Heating CHCS Pool	125,000
	CHCS bathrooms/building	162,000
	School Dept.:	
11.	CHCS fire system replacement	25,000
12.	CHCS classroom flooring replacement	150,000
13.	Central office roof replacement	40,000
		$1,626,000

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend the vote taken under Article 14 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for DPW - Town Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction as listed in line 9 of said vote and increasing the amount authorized to be borrowed in line 8 of said vote for DPW - Town Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction by $40,000; and further that the borrowing authorization for DPW-Town Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction be increased by an additional $410,235 so that the total borrowing authorization for line 8 (Town Hall Parking Lot) shall be $740,235.

After much discussion, motion made and seconded to move the question.
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 20 Voted the sum of $1,700,000 to be appropriated to pay costs for the purchase and equipping of a new fire platform/ladder truck for the use of the Belchertown Fire Department, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payments of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby, reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further to authorized the Select Board or their designee to enter any agreements and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this vote.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 2-1-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $2,500.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2022; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $33,604.00 from FY 2022 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- $33,604.00 from FY 2022 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- $33,604.00 from FY 2022 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

And, further, appropriate and transfer $63,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 of the May 9, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 22 Voted to appropriate and transfer $9,975.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lake Vale Cemetery, and Hillcrest Cemetery, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate and transfer $35,750.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund balance to rehabilitate the second basketball court at Chestnut Hill Community School by installing a playing surface, upgrading the lighting, and installing a fence around the perimeter, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate and transfer $8,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund balance to rehabilitate Jessica's Boundless Playground, an ADA accessible playground, by providing electrical service to the Pavilion at the Playground to enhance recreational activities and the ability to host cultural events, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate and transfer $15,175.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund and $59,825.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund balance to rehabilitate and preserve the roof and the chimney of the historic Old Town Hall, including removing the existing roof shingles, installing new plywood substrate, installing new 30 year shingles, pressure washing, and tuck pointing and resealing the chimney, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 26 *Voted to take no action.* to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for the following: (1) Replacement of the community building/laundry room door and installation of an ADA automatic door operator to assist elderly and disabled individuals when accessing the shared community area; (2) Installation of twelve 1st floor in-unit ADA bathtub saddles and bath-seats to aid residents with egress into and out of the shower/bath, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Belchertown Housing Authority Director,

After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to move the question.

(Vote on motion to move – Majority Required- Majority Yes)
(Vote to take no action – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 27 Voted to appropriate and transfer $12,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance for the rehabilitation of Foley Field by relocating the baseball diamond to the newly created field and utilizing the former area for recreational programs and activities throughout the year, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Belchertown Recreation Department.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate and transfer $25,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund to create a new historical reclamation walking path in the former historic Belchertown State School Campus, which will incorporate a historical book walk with physical signage, incorporating reflective and restorative outdoor art installations created by the former State School residents, with a multimedia interactive cellphone app containing a map highlighting areas of significances through historical photos, oral histories and video content pertaining to the former State Schools' residents and employees.

After much discussion, motion made and seconded to move the question.
(Vote – Majority – Majority Yes)

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
Vote could not be determined. Moderator requested a hand count.
(Vote – Majority required – Majority Yes (85 Yes 68 No))

Article 29 Voted to appropriate and transfer $99,273 from the Community Preservation Housing Fund and $727 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance to acquire an affordable housing restriction on the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park, with said funds to be used for said acquisition and to rebuild the drinking water system and/or waste water system, which project will also be funded by grants from the Department of Housing and Community Development and/or other agencies, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Select Board, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into a grant agreement setting forth the terms of said grant and to accept said affordable housing restriction.

After much discussion, motion made and seconded to move the question.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 9-0-0)
(Vote on Article – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 30 *Did not pass* **Citizen Petition:**

To see if the Town will vote to Dissolve the Fee and Fund known as the Belchertown Stormwater Management Fund.

To permanently cease assessing the Stormwater Management Fee on Residential Properties, Commercial Properties and Industrial Properties in Belchertown.

To require the Town of Belchertown to maintain a Stormwater Management program from annual revenue collected from standard taxation revenues and not as any form of additional fees or additional taxation passed on to Residential, Commercial, and Industrial properties in Belchertown. Funds to oversee the Stormwater Management Program will be derived as part of the overall annual town budget.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)

Article 31 *Motion made to take no action* **Citizen Petition:**

To see if the Town will vote to: Amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 112, Stormwater Management Fund sections as follows – Amendments to Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:

§112-10 Stormwater Utility Bylaw

SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS
SECTION 3.0 DEFINITIONS
SECTION 4.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND ENTERPRISE FUND ESTABLISHED;
BILLING; DEPOSIT TO STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND
SECTION 5.0 RATES
SECTION 7.0 PURPOSES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY FUND
SECTION 8.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE EXEMPTIONS
SECTION 9.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE CREDITS
SECTION 10.0 STORMWATER UTILITY FEE BILLING, DELINQUENCIES, COLLECTIONS AND ABATEMENTS
SECTION 11.0 ABATEMENTS AND APPEALS AND HEARINGSSECTION 12.0 SEVERABILITY

REPLACE ARTICLE 1.3 with

1.3 Purpose
The purpose of this By-law is to provide a framework for the administration of the Town's public Stormwater Management program. The Stormwater Management will operate from the funds derived from annual revenues collected from standard taxation revenues and not as any form of additional fees or additional taxation passed on to Residential, Commercial, and Industrial properties
in Belchertown. Funds will be part of the overall annual town budget. This bylaw shall enable the Town to protect its interests in flood control; storm damage prevention; and prevention of pollution, through the Town's activities to maintain, repair, and replace stormwater management systems it owns, controls, or maintains in order to: promote the health and safety of the public; protect property from flooding and the damage caused by stormwater runoff; protect and manage water quality by controlling the level of pollutants in stormwater runoff and the flow of water as conveyed by manmade and by natural stormwater management systems and facilities; and maintain compliance with the requirements of external agencies.

SECTION 3.0 DEFINITIONS
The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this by-law, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) *REMOVE*
(*Credit* means a reduction in the amount of a Stormwater Utility fee charged to the owner of a particular property where that property owner owns, maintains and operates on-site or off-site stormwater management systems or facilities, or provides service or activities that reduce or mitigate the Town's cost of providing stormwater management services, in accordance with the Town's approved credit policy.)

(5) *REMOVE*
Impervious surface means any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Common impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to: roads; and ways; parking lots; rooftops; buildings or structures, including solar panels; sidewalks; walkways, driveways; gravel travel ways; patio areas, decks, and other surfaces which prevent or impede the natural infiltration of stormwater runoff which existed prior to development.

(8) *REMOVE*
Stormwater Utility fee means the periodic user fee imposed pursuant to this by-law by the Town of Belchertown which will be dedicated to the provision of public stormwater management services.

SECTION 4.0 REMOVE
STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND ENTERPRISE FUND ESTABLISHED; BILLING; DEPOSIT TO STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

(a) REMOVE
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 83, Section 16, the Town hereby establishes a charge for the use of the stormwater management services of the Town to be known as the Stormwater Utility fee. Stormwater charges shall be established such that they will provide sufficient funds, proportionately calculated and assessed, to construct, operate, maintain, and regulate the stormwater management systems and facilities in the Town of Belchertown.

(b) REMOVE
The Stormwater Utility fee is assessed to each developed parcel, whether occupied or not. The fee shall be calculated on an annual basis and billed to the record title owner of the property.

(c) REMOVE
The Town shall establish a dedicated Stormwater Enterprise Fund in the Town budget and an accounting system for the purpose of managing all funds collected for the purposes and responsibilities of the stormwater program. All revenues and receipts of the Stormwater Utility shall be placed in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund, which shall be separate from all other funds, and only expenses of the stormwater program shall be paid by the fund (as provided in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2).

(d) REMOVE
Expenditure of funds may consider both stormwater quality and quantity management needs and can be used as described in Section 7.0.

(e) REMOVE
The Town Accountant, under the general supervision of the Board of Selectmen, shall within forty-five (45) days after the close of each fiscal year, prepare an annual report of the change in cash balances which shall detail the cash receipts and disbursements for the year and which shall be submitted to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 5.0 REMOVE
RATES

(a) REMOVE
The Board of Selectmen shall establish reasonable rates to defray the cost of administering and implementing the stormwater management program of the Town. The initial rates, and any later modifications, shall be based upon recommendation of staff and shall be set by the adoption of a Stormwater Fee Schedule by vote of the Board of Selectmen. The schedule of said rates shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown.

(b) REMOVE
The billing rate structure shall consist of a uniform flat rate based on billing units of 1,000 square feet of impervious area on a developed parcel).

(c) REMOVE
Impervious area per parcel is determined by the Town of Belchertown by utilizing available GIS data layers to calculate the area of building footprints, building structures, driveways, pathways, sport courts, parking areas, and other impervious surfaces. Any impervious areas within the town-owned right-of-way will not be attributed to the parcel and will not be considered as part of the total impervious area of the parcel.

SECTION 7.0 REMOVE
PURPOSES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY FUND

Receipts from the Stormwater Utility fee shall be used to provide stormwater management services as defined in Section 1.3 of this bylaw and may also include the following:

(a) REMOVE
The acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation of real and personal property, and interests therein, necessary to construct, operate, and maintain stormwater management systems and facilities;

(b) REMOVE
All costs of administration and implementation of the stormwater management program, including the cost of labor and equipment attributable to the stormwater management program and the establishment of reasonable operating and capital reserves to meet unanticipated or emergency stormwater management requirements;

(c) REMOVE
Payment on principal and interest on debt obligations;

(d) REMOVE
Engineering and design, debt service and related financing expenses, construction costs for new facilities (including costs for contracted services) and enlargement or improvement or existing facilities;

(e) REMOVE
Operation and maintenance of the stormwater system, including catch basin cleaning, ditch maintenance, street sweeping, pipe repairs, and stormwater facility repairs;

(f) REMOVE
Capital investments including stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and components (.e.g., purchase of plants, soils, and other amenities to support stormwater management alternatives utilizing vegetation);

(g) REMOVE
Illicit discharge detection and elimination;

(h) REMOVE
Monitoring, surveillance, and inspection of stormwater control devices;

(i) REMOVE
Water quality monitoring and water quality programs;

(j) REMOVE
Retrofitting developed areas for pollution control;

(k) REMOVE
Inspection and enforcement activities;

(l) REMOVE
Billing and related administrative costs; and

(m) REMOVE
Other activities which are reasonably necessary to properly manage the stormwater system, including costs related to regulatory compliance.

SECTION 8.0 REMOVE
STORMWATER UTILITY FEE EXEMPTIONS

(a) REMOVE
The Town of Belchertown finds that all developed property in the Town contributes to runoff and either uses or benefits from the maintenance of the stormwater system. Therefore, except as provided in this section or otherwise provided by law, no developed public or private property located in the Town shall be exempt from the Stormwater Utility fee changes. No exception, credit, offset, or other reduction in stormwater utility fee charges shall be granted based on age, tax status, economic status, race, religion or other condition unrelated to the cost of providing stormwater management services and facilities.

(b) REMOVE
The Town establishes exemptions to the Stormwater Utility fee as follows:

(1) REMOVE
Undeveloped land.

(2) REMOVE
Railroad rights-of way (tracks). However, railroad stations, maintenance buildings, and/or other developed property used for railroad purposes shall not be except from Stormwater Utility fee charges.

(3) REMOVE
Unpaved farm or logging roads that access land used for tilling, planting or harvesting of agricultural, horticultural, or forest crops.

(4) REMOVE
Public streets, highways and rights-of-way. However, maintenance buildings and/or other developed property used for road maintenance purposes shall not be exempt from Stormwater Utility fee charges. All other State, Federal, and County properties are subject to the user fee charges on the same basis as private properties.

SECTION 9.0 REMOVE
STORMWATER UTILTITY FEE CREDITS

REMOVE
The Board of Selectmen or their designee is hereby authorized to grant credits to property owners to be applied against the Stormwater Utility fee based on the technical and procedural criteria set forth in the Stormwater Utility Credit Manual (Credit Manual) to be developed, maintained and, from time to time, amended by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 10.0 REMOVE
STORMWATER UTILITY FEE BILLING, DELINQUENCIES, COLLECTIONS

(a) REMOVE
Stormwater utility fees shall be committed to the Tax Collector for collection by the authorizing board pursuant to General Laws Chapter 83, Section 16. Notification of fees assessed under the Stormwater utility system shall be provided to the property owner, as identified from public records of the Town of Belchertown, in the form of an annual bill. The Tax Collector shall collect and maintain an accurate accounting of all paid and unpaid Stormwater utility bills.

(b) REMOVE
Failure to receive a Stormwater Utility bill is not justification for non-payment. The property owner, as identified from public records of the Town of Belchertown, shall be obligated to pay the appropriate Stormwater Utility fee for that property. If a property is unbilled, or if no bill is sent for a particular parcel of developed land, the Town may back bill for the fees as applicable for a period not to exceed one year of charges. No late fee or interest penalty shall be charged on said omitted bill as long as payment is received on or before the established due date.

(c) REMOVE
Payment of annual Stormwater utility fee bills shall be due and payable on or before the thirtieth (30) day from the postmark without penalty. Interest on any unpaid bill at a rate of fourteen percent (14%) will be charged in accordance with Chapter 83, Section 16 of Massachusetts General Laws. Charges for the Stormwater utility fee, together with interest thereon and any costs relative thereto, shall be a lien upon the real estate for which the charge was billed. Such lien shall take effect by operation of law on the day immediately following the due date of such charge and, unless dissolved by payment or abatement, shall continue until such charge has been added to or committed as a tax in accordance with the requirements of Section 16C of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, and thereafter, unless so dissolved, shall continue as provided in Section 37 of Chapter 60 of the said General Laws.

(d) REMOVE
In addition to the method of collection specified in Sections 16A through 16F of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, the overdue charge may be collected through any other lawful means.

SECTION 11.0 REMOVE
ABATEMENTS AND APPEALS AND HEARINGS

(a) REMOVE
An owner of real estate aggrieved by a charge imposed pursuant to this Bylaw may apply for an abatement thereof by filing a written petition with the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of issuance of the bill, as provided in Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws. If the Board of Selectmen finds that such charge is more than is properly due, a reasonable abatement shall be made. The provisions of this paragraph shall only apply if the fee is not paid by the date due and a lien is imposed in accordance with Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws.

(b) REMOVE
As an alternative to the abatement procedure set for in Section 16E of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, a property owner who believes the Stormwater utility fee is more than properly due, may, within sixty (60) days from the date of issuance of the Stormwater utility bill, said owner may apply to the Board of Selectmen or their designee, in writing, for abatement. The application for abatement shall be supported by such information as is necessary for the Board of Selectmen or their designee to conclude that the fee was not properly calculated or assessed. The Board shall render a written decision on the application, granting the abatement, in whole or in part, or denying the abatement. .The provisions of this and the following paragraph shall only apply if the fee has been paid in full prior to its due date.

(c) REMOVE
In the event that a property owner is aggrieved by a written decision from the Board of Selectmen or their designee denying an application for abatement in whole or in part, or denying an application for a credit, in whole or in part, the property owner shall have sixty (60) days from the date of the written decision to request a hearing by the Board of Selectmen or their designee. The request shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds thereof. Upon the filing of a request for hearing, the Board shall set a date for hearing and notice thereof setting forth the place, date and time of hearing shall be sent to the property owner no less than then (10) days prior to the hearing date. The Board shall render a written decision after the conclusion of the hearing, affirming the action or reversing the action. If reversing the denial of an abatement, the decision shall specify the sum to be abated, which shall not exceed the amounts paid. If reversing the denial of a credit, the decision shall specify the credit to be applied prospectively against future charges unless the property owner has paid the full amount of the Stormwater Utility fee as charged and has also requested an abatement.

(d) REMOVE
If an abatement of the whole or a portion of a fee paid is abated in accordance with the previous sections, the property owner shall be given a credit on future bills until the abatement is fully realized. In the event it is determined that the property owner is not subject to the fee, the owner shall be given a full refund.

SECTION 12.0 REMOVE
SEVERABILITY

REMOVE
The invalidity of any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this by-law shall not invalidate any section, provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination that previously has been issued.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes to take no action)

Article 32 *Did not pass* **Citizens Petition:**

To see if the Town will vote to move the disc golf course to a piece of property that can better accommodate league and tournament play without disrupting the quality of town residents/abutters lives.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority No)

Meeting adjourned 12:45pm
Attest:
Theresa A. Camerlin, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD June 12, 2021

FY 22

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases	$100.00	$100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	$30,000.00	$30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	$5,000.00					5,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Account
8	None						
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	$2,261,757.00					
	1. Select Board - Salary		$12,600.00				
	Expenses		$4,990.00				
	2. Town Administrator, Salary		$140,832.00				
	Wages		$143,815.00				
	Expenses		$9,295.00				
	3. Town Accountant, Salary		$95,705.00				
	Wages		$129,492.00				
	Expenses		$28,519.00				
	4. Town Clerk, Salary		$83,179.00				
	Wages		$67,241.00				
	Expenses		$10,327.00				
	5. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		$95,705.00				
	Wages		$206,487.00				
	Expenses		$57,785.00				
	6. M.I.S. Department, Salary		$100,945.00				
	Wages		$100,926.00				
	Expenses		$229,011.00				
	7. Board of Assessors (Elected)		$3,200.00				
	Salary		$95,705.00				
	Wages		$250,070.00				
	Expenses		$20,500.00				
	8. Law Account, Fees		$71,300.00				
	9. Finance Committee, Expenses		$250.00				
	10. Election & Registration, Salary		$550.00				
	Wages		$25,000.00				
	Expenses		$16,800.00				
	11. Planning Board, Salary		$95,183.00				
	Wages		$17,789.00				
	Expenses		$3,180.00				
	12. Board of Appeals, Wages		$2,300.00				
	Expenses		$450.00				
	13. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		$375.00				
	14. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		$100.00				
	15. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		$1,500.00				
	16. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		$83,791.00				
	Wages		$7,860.00				
	Expenses		$4,500.00				
	18. Lakes Committee, Expenses		$14,000.00				
	19. Human Resources Director, Salary		$30,000.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY	$4,925,570.00					
	20. Police Department, Salary		$0.00				$328,576.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriate Account
	Wages		$1,239,770.00				$571,424.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriate Account
	Expenses		$379,300.00				
	21. Fire Department, Salary		$119,216.00				
	Wages		$1,604,849.00				
	Expenses		$340,976.00				
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		$8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		$28,156.00				
	24. Animal Control Officer, Salary		$60,330.00				
	Wages		$28,430.00				
	Expenses		$15,500.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		$93,143.00				
	Wages		$92,021.00				
	Expenses		$14,319.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		$350.00				
	Expenses		$1,210.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
	27. Town School Department	$30,798,060.00					
	Foundation Spending		$28,338,611.00				
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		$2,459,449.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**$1,147,827.00**					
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		$1,147,827.00				
	DPW – Highways	**$1,964,360.00**					
	29. Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		$121,134.00				
	Wages		$850,671.00				
	Uniforms		$14,500.00				
	Expenses		$2,000.00				
	30. Highway Admin., Expenses		$19,070.00				
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		$242,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		$187,550.00				
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		$234,000.00				
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		$38,500.00				
	35. Streets/Construction, Expenses		$179,500.00				
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		$36,500.00				
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		$38,935.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	**$404,383.00**					
	Wages		$0.00				$106,392.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$202,615.00 from Landfill Receipts, $95,376.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (total)	$1,760,416.00					
	Wages		$0.00				$203,979.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash and $177,536.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$956,822.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt		$0.00				$395,893.000 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest		$0.00				$26,186.00 from Sewer receipts
	40. Stormwater Utility Fund (Total)	**$337,305.00**					
	Wages		$0.00				$103,028.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts
	Expenses		$0.00				$234,277.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**$956,710.00**					
	41. Board of Health, Salary		$2,825.00				
	Wages		$5,500.00				
	Expenses		$9,156.00				
	42. Council on Aging, Salary		$85,610.00				
	Wages		$457,061.00				
	Expenses		$41,440.00				
	43. Veterans Services Agent, Salary		$81,013.00				
	Wages		$0.00				
	Expenses		$2,180.00				
	Veterans Benefits		$241,000.00				
	44. Veterans Graves - Expenses		$2,625.00				
	45. DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		$28,200.00				
	46. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	$916,126.00					
	47. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		$93,143.00				
	Wages		$324,483.00				
	Expenses		$138,934.00				
	48. Parks and Recreation, Salary		$87,541.00				
	Wages		$227,950.00				
	Expenses		$7,755.00				
	49. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		$33,850.00				
	50. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		$2,470.00				
	51. Family Center, Expenses		$0.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**$836,235.00**					
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		$433,305.00				
	Expenses		$88,570.00				
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		$58,580.00				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		$5,970.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		$600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House		$8,810.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		$7,655.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		$49,810.00				
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		$24,460.00				
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		$50,385.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		$6,470.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		$17,150.00				
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		$38,530.00				
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		$8,980.00				
	65. DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		$23,820.00				
	66. Animal Control Building		$11,140.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	**$5,730,706.00**					
	67. General Insurance, Expenses				$514,300.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses				$20,000.00		
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses				$8,000.00		
	70. Health Insurance, Expenses		$1,200,384.00		$14,616.00		
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		$4,548.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		$125,000.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	73. Pensions, Expenses		$3,843,858.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	**$64,298.00**					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	75. Historic District, Expenses		$348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		$300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		$2,000.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		$61,150.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	**$2,174,326.00**					
	79. Interest, Expenses		$0.00			$164,326.00	
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		$1,999,326.00			$10,674.00	
10	None						
11	**Belchertown Community Channel**						
	81. Operations	**$65,600.00**					$65,600 from PEG Access Cable Related Fund
12	None						
13	**Belchertown Cultural Council**						
	82. Operations	**$4,500.00**	$4,500.00				
14-17	None						
18	Capital Projects	**$1,626,000.00**					
	83. South End Public Safety communications equipment relocation/replacement			$26,000.00			
	84. Highway Garage roof coating			$30,000.00			
	85. Freedom Center Sprinkler replacement			$20,000.00			
	86. Recreation Building Sprinkler replacement			$20,000.00			
	87. Frame replacement on two CDL vehicles			$80,000.00			
	88. Living Quarters - Fire Station			$250,000.00			
	89. Radio Communications Equipment & infrastructure - Fire Dept.			$525,000.00			
	90. AED's, trainers, technology for reporting			$93,000.00			
	91. Generator replacement - EMS Building			$80,000.00			
	92. Heating CHCS pool			$125,000.00			
	93. CHCS Bathrooms/building			$162,000.00			
	94. CHCS fire system replacement			$25,000.00			
	95. CHCS classroom flooring replacement			$150,000.00			
	96. Central Office roof replacement			$40,000.00			
19	Town Hall Parking Lot reconstruction	**$450,235.00**		$410,235.00			$40,000.00 from unused borrowing authorization for DPW-Town Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction as listed in article 14, line 9 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting
20	Platform/Ladder truck & equipment - Fire Dept.	**$1,700,000.00**		$1,700,000.00			
21	Community Preservation Fund - Admin Exp.	$2,500.00					$2,500.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	$33,604.00					$33,604.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	$33,604.00					$33,604.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	$33,604.00					$33,604.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Pay CPA debt service on bonds voted under Art. 23 @ May 9, 2016 Annual Town Mtg	$63,000.00					$63,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
22	Gravestone preservation and restoration project at Mt. Hope, Lake Cale and Hillcrest Cemetery	$9,975.00					$9,975.00 from Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund
23	Rehabilitation of the second basketball court at Chestnut Hill Community School	$35,750.00					$35,750.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance
24	Rehabilitation of Jessica's Boundless Playground, by providing electrical service to the	$8,000.00					$8,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
25	Rehabilitation and preservation of the roof and chimney of the historic Old Town Hall	$75,000.00					$15,175.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund and $59,825.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance
26	None						
27	Rehabilitation of Foley Field	**$12,000.00**					$12,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance
28	Creation of a historical reclamation walking path in the former historic Belchertown School Campus	**$25,000.00**					$25,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund
29	Acquire an affordable housing restriction on the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park, with said funds to be used for said acquisition and to rebuild the drinking water system and/or waste water system	$100,000.00					$99,273 from the Community Preservation Housing Fund and $727 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance
30-32	None						
TOTAL		**$58,591,551.00**	**$50,178,659.00**	**$3,736,235.00**	**$556,916.00**	**$175,000.00**	**$3,944,741.00**
	Attest:						
	Theresa A. Camerlin, Town Clerk						

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